

Moving to Secondary School

Information for parents about children moving
to secondary-phase schools in 2026



For children born between

**1 September 2014
and 31 August 2015**

You must apply for the secondary-phase schools you would like your child to go to.

If you would like information about applying for a place at a secondary-phase school, watch our presentation, which is available on our website.



Important Note

If you try to apply online and you cannot see your exact address in the list provided, or if the schools you want to apply for are not listed, you must contact the School Admissions Team by **5pm, Friday 31 October 2025**.

**Apply
Online**

eadmissions.org.uk

The closing date for your online application and the other information we ask for is

31 October 2025

Apply online for a secondary-phase school place now:

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Introduction

Moving from primary or junior school to secondary-phase school is not an automatic process and you will need to apply for a place at the secondary-phase school you would like your child to go to. This information e-booklet explains the admissions process and you will need to refer to it over the next year.

All schools use admission criteria (conditions) to decide which applications to accept and which to turn down. We explain the admission criteria for Barking and Dagenham schools on pages 20 to 23.

It is important that you read and understand the information in this e-booklet before you apply. If you don't follow the process in this e-booklet, you risk not getting a place for your child at your preferred school.

To apply, you must use the Common Application Form provided by the borough you live in. If you are applying for a place at our voluntary-aided school (All Saints), or schools outside the borough, you may also need to send those schools extra forms and documents. See page 26 for more details.

The schools on your form are your preferences – they cannot be your choices because we cannot guarantee everyone a place at any of the schools they have listed. If everybody named the same school, we would not be able to increase the number of places there.

Instead, we offer as many places as possible in order of the criteria and whose forms and documents are returned by the closing date. The full timetable is on page 42.

You must return all applications and documents by the closing date, 31 October 2025.

Applications we receive after this date are late. These late applications are processed after applications that are on time. Late applicants are less likely to get a place at their preferred school. If we cannot offer a place at one of your preferences or you do not fill in and return your application form, and you live in this borough, we will give your child a place in any school in the borough with a space.

If you need independent advice, you can contact the Family Information Service Team (see page 48). Email: fis@lbdd.gov.uk

If you have difficulties making an e-admission application you must contact the School Admission Team 020 8215 3004 at London Borough of Barking and Dagenham.

Print and keep this e-booklet

Keep in a safe place as you will need to refer to it over the next year.
Apply online: www.eadmissions.org.uk

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This e-booklet contains information about how children move from primary and junior schools to secondary-phase schools. It also gives details about all the secondary-phase schools in Barking and Dagenham.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the School Admissions Team. Please do not contact e-admissions, you must contact the School Admission Team on the contact details below.

Phone: 020 8215 3004
E-mail: infos@lbdd.gov.uk
Website: www.lbdd.gov.uk/admissions

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Welcome

Dear parents and carers

Every child deserves the best start in life, and our schools are dedicated to making that happen. With nine of ten schools rated 'good' or 'outstanding' by Ofsted, it reflects our commitment to delivering high-quality education and supporting every child to reach their full potential.

This guide is here to help you navigate the secondary school admissions process. It's an exciting time, and we want you and your child to feel confident in your choices. Choosing a school is a big step, and we encourage you to visit the schools you're considering to get a real feel for them.

Don't forget to list six preferences on your application and submit it by 31 October 2025. Our friendly School Admissions Team is ready to support you, and you can also watch their presentation online for more insights.

By working together, we hope to make your child's transition to a secondary-phase school as smooth as possible, allowing them to continue enjoying learning and developing their talents and abilities.



Yours sincerely

Councillor Elizabeth Kangethe

Cabinet Member for Educational Attainment
and School Improvement

What you need to do

If you live in Barking and Dagenham

- 1 Read and make sure you understand the admissions process for our borough, particularly pages 6 to 28.
- 2 Please watch the team's presentation, available on our website. The presentation will guide you through the admissions process. You can also contact the Family Information Service Team on 020 8227 5395 if you need more help email fis@lbdd.gov.uk
- 3 Collect information to help you decide your **six** preferences, which can be any school in Barking and Dagenham or another borough. Pages 30 to 41 in this e-booklet gives you information about Barking and Dagenham schools. Addresses for information about schools in other boroughs are shown on page 44.
- 4 Visit the schools to see for yourself what they can offer. The times of open days and open evenings in Barking and Dagenham schools are shown on page 42. Also, some schools are holding virtual school tours, which you may want to watch if you can't visit our schools. The links for these tours are available on the schools' websites (shown on pages 30 to 41).
- 5 Study the information on page 7, which shows statistics from last year's applications for Barking and Dagenham schools. This information should give you an idea of what happened last year and the chance that you would have had of getting a place at your preferred Barking and Dagenham school. This information also shows the number of parents who were successful in getting one of their preferences and the popularity of each of our schools. We recommend that you consider including your local school as one of your preferences. The chances of your child being offered a place at your preferred school increase the closer you live to that school. Previous editions of this e-booklet and statistical information for the past five years are published on our website. If you are applying for schools outside the borough, study the information the relevant Local Authority and school provide.
- 6 If you want your child to stay on at the all-through school they already go to, do not fill in an application form unless you want your child to move to a different secondary-phase school. All other parents of Year-6 children must apply for a secondary-phase school.
To apply, fill in and submit the Common Application Form online by the closing date. Please ensure that you list six schools in the order you prefer. **Most schools receive more applications than there are places available (they are oversubscribed).** In this situation, not everybody will be given a place. We need information to help us offer you another school, and the more schools you list the greater the chance of this. Carefully check the names and addresses of the schools you have selected, as some schools have similar names. Please make sure you attach all the other information we ask for. This may be proof that you are the child's guardian, proof of your address, or proof that your child is or was in the care of a Local Authority (pages 9 to 11). Ensure that you are familiar with

what documents that we will accept. Please request these documents from your energy supplier, council, bank and NHS/GP once you submit your application as if we do not receive these documents, it can put your child at risk of not having a school place. We do not require birth certificate or passport as this does not provide us with your current home address.

- 7 Finally, don't forget to fill in any extra Supplementary Information Forms (SIF), and provide any documents or information for any schools or Local Authorities that ask you to do this. Send these forms and documents back to them before the closing date. We will not pass on any extra information or SIF's to schools or Local Authorities (LA) on your behalf.

Offers will be sent **on the evening of 2 March 2026** National Offer Day. If we cannot give your child a place at any of the schools you have applied for, we will give your child a school place in any part of the borough with a space. You have a right to appeal if we turn down your application (see pages 17 to 18). We will also place your child on the Interest List for any other Barking and Dagenham school you listed as a higher preference than the school we offered you.

If you live outside Barking and Dagenham

Each Local Authority (LA) is responsible for educating children aged 5 to 16 years old living in their borough or county. Each LA is also responsible for making sure that children receive education or training from age 16 to 18 years old. If you do not live in Barking and Dagenham, please make sure you have read the admissions e-booklet from your borough or county.

You will need to fill in the Common Application Form (CAF) provided by your borough or county. You can list Barking and Dagenham schools on that form. You must return the CAF to your borough or council by their closing date.

You must also fill in any other relevant forms (Supplementary Information Forms or extra documents (page 26) that may apply. The admission criteria for Barking and Dagenham schools are on pages 20 to 23. It is important that you read and understand the criteria and admissions process (pages 6 to 28) before you apply.

It is important that you choose **six schools** that you rank the schools in your true order of preference. Potential offers are exchanged between councils until your own borough can make a single best offer (including any schools you may have applied for in other boroughs). The Local Authority that you live in will offer a place **on the evening of 2 March 2026**, for applications they have received by the closing date. You have a right to appeal if we turn down your application (see pages 17 to 18). We will also place your child on the Interest List for any other Barking and Dagenham school you have listed as a higher preference than the school your LA offered you. Please make sure you have read about how your Local Authority handles admissions before you fill in your application form.

Statistical information

The following information gives statistics about entry to Barking and Dagenham secondary-phase schools in September 2025. It includes the number of people who sent us their application forms by the closing date, and the distance the child given the last place at each of our schools lived from that school using our 2025 admission criteria. Distances are measured in kilometres in a straight line (as the crow flies).

The number of applications for each school and the addresses from which children are applying will be different from year to year.

Notes

- The information is based on applications received by last year's closing date for pupils starting secondary-phase school in September 2025. This information is useful because it shows the number of pupils given a place under each category of the 2025 admission criteria.
- Please contact the school for more information on how the 240 places at All Saints Catholic School were given.
- of the 3162 offers made for applications received by the closing date:
 - 87.60% received their first-preference school;
 - 7.30% received their second-preference school;
 - 1.74% received their third-preference school;
 - 0.79% received their fourth-preference school;
 - 0.32% received their fifth-preference school;
 - 0.19% received their sixth-preference school; and
 - 2.06% were given the nearest school to their home with a vacancy.
- The statistics for late applications refer to applications received between 1 November 2024 and 31 July 2025.
- The appeals information is based on the appeals heard between April and July 2025.
- Please see pages 9, 14, and 16 for more details about how we allocate places at 'all-through schools'.

School name	Number of applications naming the school as a preference	Standard number of children the school admits (admission number)	Number of children with EHC plan naming the school	Number of children given a place due to the LAC criterion	Number of Year-6 children attending the All-through school and moving up to Year-7 (see note 5)	Number of children given a place due to the schools faith or sibling criterion	Number of children given a place due to the distance criterion	Distance (in kilometres) the child given the last place lives from the school	Number of appeals received (see note 5)	Number of appeals allowed (see note 5)
Community schools										
Barking Abbey	1050	360	5	1	N/A	N/A	354	1.950	25	0
Dagenham Park	364	270	5	2	N/A	N/A	143	N/A	2	0
Eastbrook	373	270	3	0	20	N/A	84	N/A	2	0
Eastbury	531	300	3	1	41	N/A	140	0	2	0
Jo Richardson	879	300	5	1	N/A	N/A	294	1.881	20	2
Robert Clack	1131	540	3	0	N/A	N/A	476	-	29	2
Own admission authority schools										
All Saints	587	240	0	0	N/A	240	0	6.035	3	0
Goresbrook	425	120	0	1	56	14	59	-	6	0
Greatfields	382	240	0	0	N/A	N/A	159	N/A	2	0
Riverside	529	300	3	0	N/A	N/A	269	N/A	9	2
Sydney Russell	1148	360	5	3	81	N/A	275	1.670	39	4
Warren	529	240	5	0	N/A	N/A	235	3.659	5	0

SEN or EHC – Special educational needs or EHC plan

LAC – Looked-after children in the care of a Local Authority

Criterion – Individual admission criteria

* – The school's number of places available changed from what was published in the 2025 e-booklet

What you need to know

The admissions process

What are co-ordinated admissions?

Every year, thousands of pupils living in London transfer to secondary-phase schools, crossing borough boundaries to do so. In the normal round of admissions, all councils co-ordinate admissions to their schools. Under the co-ordinated admissions system, you can only receive one offer from your borough or council. Parents of Year-6 children must list the schools they want to apply for on one form, known as the Common Application Form (CAF), ranking them in your true order of preference.

You must return the Common Application Form (CAF) to the council in the area where you and your child live. All the councils will then use a computerised process to:

- pass on details of applications for schools in other council areas; and
- co-ordinate the offer of places to make sure that nobody gets offered more than one school place.

The admission authority for each school you have listed on the application will decide whether or not to offer your child a place. If a school is oversubscribed (receives more applications than available places), the admissions authority will use its published conditions (admission criteria) to decide the order in which to offer places. We will not tell the schools where you ranked them in order of preference on your application form or tell a school about other schools you have also applied to. However, if you appeal for a place, we will pass this information to the admission authorities (the school or the Local Authority) at the appeal stage.

It is important that you rank the schools in your true order of preference.

Preference one being the school that you rank the most desirable. This is important because if we can offer your child a place at two or more of the schools you have listed, we will give your child a place at the one you ranked the highest out of these schools, and release all other lower preferences. These places are then offered to other parents who do not have a school place for their child. Councils will inform parents (who applied by the closing date) on 2 March 2025 and tell them the results of their application.

The co-ordinated process will end on 31 August 2026. After this date you will need to follow the 'in-year' admissions process which is published on our website.

Where can I get help and advice about applying for a school place?

Watch our presentation, which is available on our website. The aim of the presentation is to give you important information about applying for a place at a secondary-phase school.

You may email us with any questions you have which are not answered in our presentation or listed in this e-booklet. Our email address is infos@lbdd.gov.uk we will send you an automatic acknowledgement that we have received your email. We will respond to your email within 10 working days.

You may also get advice from the Family Information Service (FIS Team) and their advice is independent of the School Admissions Team. They will explain how the admissions procedures affect your individual circumstances

and will also help you fill in the necessary forms to make sure your application is complete. Contact details for the FIS Team on page 48.

Why are there six preferences? I want to choose one school.

Under section 86 (1) of the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998, we must make arrangements so that parents of children in our area can express a preference for the schools they would want their child to go to. Every year, more people apply for places at our schools than we have places available. In that situation, not everybody will be given a place at the schools they have asked for.

We need information to help us offer you another school, and the more schools you list the greater the chance of your child going to a school you prefer.

The schools on your form are your preferences – they cannot be your choices because we cannot guarantee everyone a place at any of the schools they have listed. If everybody named the same school, we would not be able to increase the number of places there.

Simply naming one school or repeating the same school does not increase your child's chance of getting a place there, and may lead us to giving your child a place at a school you have not listed.

The admission number of each school and the number of applications made for those places last year are shown on the statistical information page 7. This information will show you which schools are likely to be oversubscribed (receive more applications than there are places available).

My child goes to an 'all-through' school, do I still have to apply for a school place?

If your child goes to an 'all-through' school before the closing date and you would like them to stay at the same school for the secondary phase, you do not need to do anything else. Your child will automatically continue at their current school in September 2026 as they are already registered there.

However, if you would prefer your child to go to a different school, you must apply and follow the instructions in this e-booklet. If we cannot offer your child a place at another school, they will stay on at the all-through school they are currently attending.

If we can offer your child a place at a different school, we will give their place at the all-through school to another child.

If your child joins an all-through school after the closing date, you will need to apply for a Year-7 school place for them as described in this e-booklet.

This process affects Eastbury Community School, Eastbrook, Goresbrook and Sydney Russell Schools. See page 14 and 17 for more details.

Who can fill in the application forms?

The person or people with parental responsibility for the child must fill in the application forms. Parental responsibility for the child is defined by the Children Act 1989 and amended by the Adoption and Children Act 2002. Please remember to provide proof that you are the child's legal guardian if you are not their natural parent.

A child's mother is automatically given parental responsibility when

a child is born and this remains in force until a court order determines otherwise. For births registered in England and Wales, a child's father will also have parental responsibility if:

- he was married to the child's mother when the child was born (even if they later divorce or separate);
- the child was born after 1 December 2003, and he is named on the birth certificate; or
- he has a parental responsibility agreement from a court or by agreement with the child's mother.

What does guardianship mean?

If a child is not living with their natural parents and another adult is looking after the child, we need documentary evidence that you are the guardian and have parental responsibility for that child. **That is, you have the legal right to make decisions on the child's behalf.** Evidence includes a will or a court order and Child Benefit payments. Guardianship only applies if you can prove that you have full care and the normal, permanent home is not at their parents' address. Guardianship does not apply when picking up children to and from school, or looking after them until their parents collect them.

What if my child lives with both parents at two different addresses?

When a child lives with their natural parents, legal guardian or foster parent, we will consider that address to be the child's normal, permanent home. However, when a child has parents who are separated, the parents may name only one address for the application process, but the other parent can be named and provided

with copies of information we issue. If one parent has parental responsibility, we must receive documents to prove this and that parent's address must be used. If both parents have parental responsibility, we must receive documents to prove this. We will normally accept the parents' address used by the child's primary or junior school as the child's permanent home.

Do I need to send proof of my address?

We check addresses to prevent fraudulent applications. To do this, we need to check where you and your child are living. We already have these details if your child is at a Barking and Dagenham primary or junior school. However, we will need proof of you and your child's current address if:

- your child's address on the application form is different from the address your child's Barking and Dagenham primary or junior school has on their records (as of 12 July 2025); or
- your child goes to a primary or junior school outside the borough.

In either of these cases, we will need to see one document from each of the three document lists below.

List A – (proof of child's name, date of birth and address)

- HM Revenue & Customs documents such as a letter showing your entitlement to Child Benefit letter, Working Tax Credit or Child Tax Credit, including your child's name, date of birth and address.
- Your child's NHS medical registration card or any other current NHS medical letter issued by the NHS or your GP within the last three months and shows your child's address.

- Your child's IND card (issued by the Home Office with photo attached). A passport does not prove your child's current home address. This is proof of your child's name and date of birth only. We will require other documents in section A. If you only supply a passport the application will be rejected.

List B – (proof of the parent's or carer's address)

- Your current Council Tax bill for the current year period and shows your address.
- Your current Council Tax Benefit letter or notice for the current year period and shows your address.
- A solicitor's letter showing the completion details if you have just bought your home (the letter must be dated within **the last three months** and shows your home address)

List C – (proof of the parent's or carer's address)

- Your utility bill (gas, electricity or water) **from the last three months** (we will not accept a mobile-phone bill or bills for internet connection. It must include your name and current address.
- A statement from your bank, building society or a credit-card company from the **last three months**. It must include your name and current address. Please blank out anything concerning monetary values and your account numbers. We only need to confirm your name and address.
- Your driving licence, which shows your full name and current address.

If you do not own or rent your own home, but are living with someone who owns their home or rents it from the council or from another

landlord, you will need to prove that you live there. If your current address means you are living with someone who lives in either privately rented or council property, we need their current Council Tax bill or Council Tax Benefit letter or notice with written confirmation from the legal landlord, of all those people who are authorised to live at the premises and for what period of time. The letter must contain the following information:

- The address of the property
- The names of all legal tenants and authorised residents
- A statement confirming that the people applying for a school place are entitled to stay as permanent residents

If you are not able to provide proof of your and your child's address when you make your application, you have until 20 January 2026 to provide documents as proof. However, these documents must show your family were living at the property on the closing date for applications.

If you are not able to provide the documents by 20 January 2026, we cannot offer your child a place at an oversubscribed school. If your child lives in Barking and Dagenham, we will then offer them a place at the nearest school to your home with a vacancy. If you live outside the borough, you will need to contact the local education authority of the borough you live in for a school place.

Please check that both your and your child's name and address match the information you give on your application form and on the documents in list A. Similarly, the guardian named on the application must be listed on the documents you provide from lists B and C. If you change your address at any time in this process, you must also give us proof of your new

address by sending us the above documents.

If we have questions about proving your and your child's address, we will ask for other documents not listed in this e-booklet. If we discover that we have given your child a place based on false, inaccurate or misleading information, we will withdraw the place and may take legal action.

What happens if my child has additional needs?

All Barking and Dagenham schools, including those with specialist services, offer an environment in which everyone is treated fairly and equally. Pupils with Special Educational Needs, Disabilities or any other needs are encouraged and supported to make the most of the curriculum and all the available facilities.

If your child has an education, health and care plan (EHC), our EHC Team will be in contact with you concerning which secondary school you would like your child to transfer to. If you would like to discuss this further with them, please email your EHC co-ordinator or email ehcenquiries@lbdd.gov.uk. If you are not sure whether your child has an EHC plan, fill in the Common Application Form (CAF) and tick the box in section 2 of the form which asks 'Does your child have an EHC plan?'. The admissions service will consult with the EHC Team and tell you if they will be processing your application.

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan - EHC plan or is going through the EHC needs assessment process to find out whether they need an EHC plan, or you need further help with the secondary transfer process, please contact the EHC Team by phoning 020 8227 2400 or email them on

ehcenquiries@lbbd.gov.uk

EHC plan is not the same as a medical health care plan written by a medical professional. Such as the school nurse.

What happens if my child is or was in the care of a Local Authority (a looked-after child)?

We consider applications for children who are or used to be in the care of a Local Authority before we consider all other applications. A looked-after child is a child who is or was:

- in the care of a Local Authority; or
- being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority under their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

For admission purposes we consider a 'looked-after child' to be a child who is currently in care or a child who was in care previously at any point in their life and then became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order immediately after leaving care.

If your child is in the care of a Local Authority, you must also include with the Common Application Form a letter from the social worker confirming the legal status of the child and the Local Authority which the child is in the care of. The letter should also provide the reasons for the preferred schools you have listed.

If your child is in the care of a Local Authority and you would like to discuss the secondary transfer of your child with a member of Virtual School for Looked After Children, please phone 020 8227 2691.

If your child used to be in the care of a Local Authority (or a care agency outside England) and then became the subject of an adoption immediately after leaving care and you want to apply under this priority, you will need to include evidence with your application to show that they used to be in care.

What happens if my child is from a UK Armed Forces family (crown service)?

Under Government rules, applications from families of the UK Armed Forces can be considered at the posting address before the family have moved to the area. However, we do not give automatic priority to these children over other children. If you are moving to our borough, please apply online by the closing date and use the address of your posting.

Please tick the relevant box to show that you are either:

- a UK Armed Forces family with a confirmed posting to the area; or
- a crown servant returning from overseas to live in the area.

Your application must also include an official letter that declares a relocation date and a unit postal address or quartering area address. If your posting changes, please follow the advice in the 'What if my circumstances change?' section. We will process your application using your posting address and in line with each school's admission criteria.

How do I apply for a school outside Barking and Dagenham?

If you live in this borough and would like your child to go to a school in another borough (not private schools), you must list those schools on your Barking and Dagenham common application form. Please apply online, checking that the school you want to apply for is on the list of schools. If it is not on the list of schools please contact the School Admissions Team by 5pm on 31 October 2025 on how to apply, otherwise we will not consider your application in the first round of offers.

It is important that you know the admission criteria for the schools you are asking for, and you may need to fill in Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) and provide further information for these schools. Please contact the admissions authority (school or LA) of the school you have in mind for more information. It is your responsibility to give the school or LA the information they need. Page 44 lists the contact details for all London Local Authorities. For details of other Local Authorities that are not listed, please see the Department for Education (DfE) website at www.gov.uk/dfe.

If you live in this borough and you do not fill in the Barking and Dagenham common application form, you will not be considered for any schools, either inside or outside the borough, even if you fill in their Supplementary Information Forms.

Can I change the information on my application form?

Important note

If your information changes, you must alter the relevant sections on your online application form by the closing date.

We will send you an email with a new version number every time you change your application. If you cannot make these changes to your online application, you must tell us in writing and include supporting documents if necessary. The new details that you give us will replace those on your previous form. The last application you make before the closing date (on paper or online) is the one that we use to process your preferences.

After the closing date, any changes should be made in writing to the School Admissions Team. Fill in a paper form or fill in the 'change my school place application' form, which is available on our website from March 2026. If we receive any of your changes after the closing date, we will treat those changes as 'late' as we offer places based on all information available on the closing date. Any changes you make after the closing date will not appear on your eAdmissions account. Instead, we will reply to your enquires by email. Please see the question 'What if my application is late?' on page 16 for more details.

How do I return the forms?

Supplementary Information Forms (SIFs)

Please see page 27.

Common Application Form (CAF)

Applying online is reliable and secure. All Local Authorities in London have worked together to make it possible for parents to apply online for a school place in London and its surrounding counties. This service is available through the 'eAdmissions' website.

The person with parental responsibility for the child named must register to use the 'eAdmissions' site by setting up an account. If you don't already have an email address, you will need to create one before you apply online.

Although you can use any email address, we recommend you use 'Google Mail' or 'gmail'. This is because other email providers may treat the email we send you as spam (electronic junk mail). If this happens you will need to check your 'spam' or 'junk mail' box for our email, and then follow the instructions to add us to your safe senders list. After doing this, all future emails from us will go straight into your inbox.

If you need to create an email address, you need to have a mobile phone number and have that same mobile phone with you when you create the email address. Keep a note of your new email address and the password to access the email you have now created.

Making an application is easy once you have a valid email address. The eAdmissions Team will send you a 'validation' email to check that your email address is correct. Log in to your email account and click on the 'validation link' in the email you have received from the eAdmissions Team. Once you have confirmed your email, the application should take no more than 10 minutes. The site gives full instructions on its guidance pages, to help you make your application.



www.eadmissions.org.uk

If you try to apply online and you cannot see your **exact** address in the list provided, or the schools you want to apply for are not listed, you **must** contact the School Admissions Team by 5pm on 31 October 2025, otherwise your application will be late. Our contact details are on page 27. Please do not contact eadmissions. You need to contact infos@lbbd.gov.uk

Quick steps to apply online



Where to begin

If you have already registered to make an application using the eAdmissions site, please go to step 4. If you are applying for the first time, follow steps 1 to 5.

First you need an email address. If you don't already have an email address, you will need to create one before you apply online. Once you have this, go straight to the eAdmissions site at www.eadmissions.org.uk to make your application.



Registration

The person with parental responsibility for the child must register to use the 'eAdmissions' site by setting up an account. Select 'First time visitors' and follow the instructions given. At this stage you will also need to create a password. Your password must have eight characters.



Validating (confirming) your email

The eAdmissions Team will send you a 'validation' email to check that your email address is correct. Log in to your email account and click on the

'validation link' in the email you have received from the eAdmissions Team. You can then make your application.



Making your application

Once you have your username and password, you will be able to 'start your application'.

If you already have an account, select 'Returning visitors' and enter your username and password to 'sign in'.

Your home page will show you the following options.

- Start application
- My Account (to check and update your details)
- Find schools
- Help and tutorials

Select 'Start application'. This section is split into four parts. Your application only becomes valid when you click on 'Submit application' on the 'Check and submit' page.

- a) The first part of your form asks for your child's details. Click on 'Save and continue'.
- b) The second part, 'Preferences', asks you to add the six schools you want to apply for. You must then click on 'Confirm selection' if you are happy with the schools you have added.
- c) The third part, 'Check and submit', asks you to check the information given, accept the declaration and

'submit your application'.

- d) Once you have submitted your application, you will be able to upload any documents we need to see. This may be proof that you are the child's guardian, proof of address, or proof that your child is or was in the care of a Local Authority.



Confirmation of your application

You will be issued with an application reference number (ARN) when you have submitted your form. The eAdmissions Team will then send you a second email which will include all the details of the application you have just made along with your ARN.

You should make a note of your application details on page 26 of this e-booklet as you will need to refer to it when checking your results. We will send you an email with a new version number every time you change your application.

If you have any technical difficulties while making your application online, the online admissions helpdesk is available from 9.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday. Please phone 020 8255 5555 and select option 1. For all other non-technical queries, please contact the School Admissions Team.

Important notes

- Please carefully read all dialogue boxes. These boxes explain information about the questions you have just been asked. Ignoring these boxes could mean you risk not getting a place for your child at your preferred school.
- Help is available if you have problems at any stage of the application process. Just click on any text that is underlined and highlighted in purple, and a new page will open to give you an explanation or advice about the question you have selected.
- **If you have twins, triplets and so on, make sure you tick 'yes' to the 'multiple birth' question so that you can fill in a new form for each child. Each child must have a separate ARN number.**
- **If you are not sure of any stage of the process, please get advice from the School Admissions Team. Please telephone or email infos@lbbd.gov.uk**

Is my information protected?

We will deal with your personal information in line with the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 (GDPR). For security purposes we ask you for a password. If you apply online, your application reference number (ARN) will be your password. If you apply on a paper form, we will need you to give us a password between 8 and 12 letters long. Without your password or ARN we cannot give out information on your application if you phone us.

As part of the admissions procedure, we may share the information you give on your application forms with schools and other departments in the council (such as the Child and Family Service, Children's Social Care Democratic Services, the Educational Health Care Team, educational psychologists, the Family Information Service, the Inclusion Service, the Looked-After Children Team, the police and Youth Offending Services).

We will also share your information with other schools and departments outside the council (such as the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), the Department for Education (DfE), Ofsted, and other Local Authorities) and with the school your child goes to, where it will form part of the school's pupil database.

For more information about how we will use your personal information please visit www.lbld.gov.uk/privacy, where you can see a full copy of our Privacy Notice.

How are places given?

Year-7 places issued outside the co-ordinated admissions process

1. Under DfE rules, all-through schools must not allow their Year-6 pupils to apply for their Year-7 place within the same school. This is because these children are already registered at that school. Instead, all-through schools publish the number of places that are available to children who do not already go to the school. For example, if the admission number for a school is 360 and 90 places have been given to Year-6 pupils at the school, we will publish the remaining 270 places and issue those places in line with the school's published admission criteria.
2. The School Admissions Code 2021 says that schools are 'required to admit children with EHC plans, where the school concerned is named on the plan'. As a result, we process these children's applications first. If the school has been named in the child's Education, Health and Care plan – EHC, we must take places off the school admission number for that year group. The admission authority then issues the rest of the places using the admission criteria. For example, if the admission number for a school is 180 and three places have been given to children whose EHC plans name that school, we will issue the other 177 places in line with the admission criteria.

Year-7 places issued within the co-ordinated admissions process

We process all other applications using the equal-preference model. This is explained below.

- We consider each of your preferences as if it were your only preference.
- For each of your preferences, the admission authority will use the admission criteria to see if they can offer your child a place.
- If we can then offer your child a place at two or more of the schools you have listed, we will give your child a place at the one you ranked the highest of these schools.

We do not make decisions to offer places based on the date we received the applications. Instead, we group all the applications we receive on time and process them together. If there are more places available than there are applications for those places, we agree all the applications. However, if there are more applications for a school than there are places available in that school (that is, the school is oversubscribed), we will use the admission criteria to decide which applications are successful. The notes that follow the admission criteria, are there to explain particular points about the criteria we use.

In Barking and Dagenham, the Local Authority is the admissions authority for the five community schools and for Dagenham Park Church of England Voluntary-Controlled School. The criteria for these schools are listed on page 23.

Goresbrook School is an academy governed by The United Learning Trust who are the admissions authority and set their own admission criteria. The School Admissions Team processes applications for this school, and we will offer places on its behalf.

Both Greatfields and Riverside are free schools with academy status, and Sydney Russell is an academy. All three schools are run by the Partnership Learning Trust. Warren School is an academy governed by The Loxford Trust. These four schools are their own admissions authority, but they will follow the same admission criteria as Barking and Dagenham community schools. The School Admissions Team processes applications for these schools, and we will offer places on their behalf.

All Saints Catholic School and Technology College is our only voluntary-aided school, and for that school, the governing body are the admissions authority. They set their own admission criteria and process the applications they receive. We then offer places on their behalf.

Before you make your application, please make sure you read and understand these criteria and notes and check how places were distributed at each school. See our website for copies of previous editions of this booklet. The booklets include statistics for previous years.

What is the timetable?

The closing date for 'on-time' applications made online is midnight on 31 October 2025.

Do not wait until the last minute to make your application in case your computer crashes or your address or the schools you are applying for are not available on the online system. Our team will not be available to answer enquiries

after 5pm on 31 October 2025. If you have any questions after that time, we will not be able to help until after the closing date. If we receive your application or relevant information after the closing date, it will be treated as a late application. See the 'What happens if my circumstances change?' and 'What if my application is late?' sections for more details. There is a full timetable of events on page 42.

What happens if I move home during the admissions process?

- If you plan to move during the admissions process, first contact the council you are moving to and find out their deadline for accepting changes as 'on time'. If you meet this deadline, they will accept the change to your application and tell you the outcome on the evening of national offer day 2 March, please do not contact school admission team concerning your application until 4 March. Please check the full timetable of events on page 42.
- Make sure you apply on time to the borough that you are living in on the closing date. For example, if you live in Redbridge on the closing date and are moving to Barking and Dagenham after this date, please apply to Redbridge based on your address at that time.
- When you move home, send your old and new council proof of your and your child's new address. In this example, please send both Redbridge and Barking and Dagenham admissions teams proof of your new address by secure email to let them both know when you moved. Each council will then let you know whether that change can be treated as on time or late.

- Follow the advice in the 'What happens if my circumstances change?' and 'What if my application is late?' sections and email us if you still need more information. In this example, if your application is treated as on time, your changes will be included for processing and we will tell you the outcome on national offer day which is **the evening of 2 March 2026**, we will not discuss any applications with you until 3 March. If your changes are to be treated as late, Redbridge will tell you the outcome on the evening of national offer day, based on the information you had provided by the closing date. However, your changes will be processed after national offer day and Barking and Dagenham will write to you with an updated offer, based on your original application to Redbridge). Again, please note that every council has different processing dates for dealing with changes made after the closing date.

What happens if my circumstances change?

You will need to contact the Admissions section in your borough if your circumstances change. We offer places based on the information available at the closing date and you may change your preference or the order of your preferences up until that date.

Please remember after the closing date, you can not make any changes to your application with e-admissions, including moving home address, email addresses or school preferences. You have until 20 January 2026 to notify us of a change of address after this date. You will have to wait until after National Offer Day. We are unable to process any changes

from 31 October - 3 March 2026.

If we have given your child a place, we will not withdraw it if your circumstances change (such as your address), as long as you can show that the information was correct on the closing date.

However, if we discover that we have given a place based on false, inaccurate or misleading information, we will withdraw it and may take legal action. We will treat as late any changes to preferences or their ranking, conditions, circumstances or applications we receive after the closing date.

What if my application is late?

If we receive your application after the closing date (31 October 2025) we will treat your application as 'Late'.

In exceptional circumstances, senior officers may consider whether we can process a late application as 'on time' in the first round, if there is enough time to process the application. These circumstances include the death of a close relative, or a family recently moving into the area (in which case we need proof). If you send us your application or qualifying information after the closing date but want us to consider it in the first round of offers. Please email the admissions team on infos@lbbd.gov.uk with the reasons for your extenuating circumstances and proof. We will make a decision on each case individually and let you know the outcome within 10 working days of receiving your request.

If we receive your application 'Late', we will deal with it after we have dealt with the applications that we received on time. We will deal with the first round of offers and send

decision letters on 2 March 2026. We will have given most places to pupils whose applications we received by the closing date. Late applications received between 1 November and 31 January will be processed together and we will offer places on 2 March 2026. Applications received after 1 February, or those who have changed their on-time application after the closing date, will then be processed in weekly batches. We will offer places for the applications we receive in February on the second Friday after the evening of national offer day - 2 March. After this date, applications will be processed within 10 working days of the School Admissions Team receiving your form.

If we have not received your application form by 17 March 2026 and your child lives in the borough we will automatically give your child a place at the nearest school to you which has a place available. At this stage, other schools will be full with children whose applications we received by the closing date. We send letters to tell parents who have not applied for a school place which school we have allocated their child by 31 March 2026.

If you then want to apply for a school place after we have offered your child the nearest school to your home with a place available, you will need to fill in an application form listing the schools you would like for your child.

When will I know the result of my application?

If you apply online at the eAdmissions website, you can find out the results of your application **on the evening of 2 March 2026**. We will send you an email later that evening letting you know the outcome of the application. You can also log in to the eAdmissions website after the evening of

2 March 2026 to see your results. If you were not able to apply online using the eAdmissions website but applied direct to the Admissions Team by the closing date, we will send you an email on the **evening of 2 March 2026** from the company Synergy. Once you click the link in that email, and enter your child's name and date of birth, you will see a full letter listing the school your child has been given. If you do not have an email address, we will send you the results by first-class post on 2 March 2026. Please allow up to two days for your letter to be delivered. We cannot tell you the results of your application over the phone. If you have not received your letter by 4 March 2026, please contact us via email on infos@lbbd.gov.uk and we will send you another copy.

Before you contact us, please check your junk/spam emails.

If you do not want the place we have offered, you will need to email on infos@lbbd.gov.uk us to let us know what other arrangements you are making for your child's education. If you want to change your school preferences or the order of your school preferences, the change my school preference form can be found on the following link on our school admission web page. <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/form/change-my-school-preference-form>. Please ensure that you have your Application Reference Number (ARN) you will need to send a new application form to your Local Authority's school Admissions section.

The Local Authority you live in will make offers for places at all Barking and Dagenham secondary-phase schools on National Offer Day (the evening of 2 March 2026). **Do not contact School Admission team before 4 March 2026 concerning your e-admission school placement.** All applications received between

1 November and 31 January will be processed together. We will offer places on the **evening of 2 March 2026**. Offers will be made from the evening of National Offer Day onwards, but you will need to check how your home borough handles 'Late' applications. If we receive your application after the evening of National Offer Day (**the evening of 2 March 2026**), we will process it within 10 working days of receiving it. We send any preferences we receive for schools outside this borough to the relevant school or LA every Friday. We will contact you if we can offer your child a place at one of these schools. Any changes you make after the closing date will not appear on your eAdmissions account. Instead, we will reply to your enquiries by email.

From 1 September 2026, Local Authorities no longer co-ordinate applications and parents will have to follow the in-year admissions process. Full information about our in-year process is available on our website within our e-booklet 'Finding a school place'. <https://www.lbdd.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/year-admissions>

Do I have to accept the place you offer my child?

Schools outside the borough

Yes Please use the eAdmissions website to accept the place we have offered your child at an out-of-borough school. These boroughs will withdraw the place if you do not accept their offer. As all children must receive an education, if you turn down the place at the out-of-borough school we will give your child a place at the nearest school to your home with a space.

To accept the place, log on to the eAdmissions site with the username and password you received when you registered to

make your application. If you have forgotten your details, you can enter your email address and get a reminder sent to you. If you have difficulties in accepting the school place on e-Admission you can send an email to infos@lbdd.gov.uk with your child's name, date of birth, Application Reference Number and which should you wish to accept and we can accept it on your behalf.

All-through schools

Yes Children cannot hold offers at more than one school. If your child goes to an 'all-through' school (for children aged four to sixteen), but you accept a place for them at a different school, we will offer their automatic place at the all-through school to the next child on the Interest List for that school.

Other Barking and Dagenham schools

No Because your child is of legal school age, we automatically accept the place on your behalf at our schools. If you turn down the place at one of our other schools, we will not withdraw the place unless you provide evidence that you have been offered a place at another school.

Will you pay for my child's costs to travel to and from school?

We will only pay for your child's bus pass for travelling to and from school if 'Transport for London' or 'London councils' no longer provide free travel for children and we give your child a place at a school that you have not listed as a preference and is more than 4.82803km from your home. All distances are measured using Synergy's Geographical Information System from the centre of the child's home to the school's main gate. Some addresses have

different entry points and so we will use the entry at the location designated by Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG).

What happens after my child is given a school place?

Once we have given your child a school place, we tell the relevant school. They will contact you later in the summer term to tell you about the admission arrangements and the uniform you need for your child. Some schools will want to interview your child, either with you by appointment at the school given, or at your child's current primary or junior school. Some schools will invite your child to spend a day at their offered Barking and Dagenham secondary-phase school in June 2026. None of these visits are part of the application process. It is to make sure your child can move to secondary-phase school as easily as possible.

Why have I been offered a school that was not one of my preferences?

The admissions authority for each of the schools you have listed will use their published conditions (admission criteria) to decide the order in which to offer places. If we are unable to offer a place for your child at one of the schools you listed as your preferences, this is because there were more applicants for the schools you requested than there are places available. If you live in Barking and Dagenham and it is not possible to offer your child a place at one of your preferred schools, we will give your child a place at the school which is nearest to your home with a space.

Do I have the right to appeal?

Barking and Dagenham schools

You have a right to appeal to an independent appeal panel if we do not offer your child a place at the Barking and Dagenham schools on your application form which are listed as a higher preference than the one we have offered you. For example, you can appeal for preference 1 and 2 if we have offered you preference 3. Any schools listed lower than the school offered have not been turned down but rather have been withdrawn based on how you have ranked the schools on your application form. As a result, you cannot appeal for a lower preference or a school that you have not listed on your form. If you want to apply for a school that you did not list on your original application form, or you want to change the ranking of the schools on your original application form, you need to confirm this in writing to us by filling in a Change my School Preference Form <https://www.lbdd.gov.uk/form/change-my-school-preference-form>, which you can get from LBDD School Admission website page. If you can not locate the form please email infos@lbdd.gov.uk and we can send you the link. If you change your preferences and do not reselect schools which you are appealing for, your appeal will be withdrawn.

All the available places for Year-7 at your preferred school will have been distributed in line with the Local Authority's published admission criteria. No places are left unfilled for any reason, including appeals.

If you decide to appeal for a place at any Barking and Dagenham school, fill in our online appeal form. If you applied on time, and would like your case to be heard in the first round of appeals, you must

submit the appeal form by 31 March 2026. For late applications the deadline for appealing is 21 school days from the date of our offer letter.

You will receive an automated acknowledgement when you submit your form. At least 10 days before your appeal hearing, you will receive an email from the School Appeals Officer telling you the date and time of your appeal hearing. When there are a number of appeals for the same school and year group, you will receive two appointments, the first one will be for all appellants to attend to hear and question the school's reasons why they cannot offer an additional place over their published admission number (PAN), and the second date and time will be a confidential hearing when your personal circumstances are discussed and considered. The appeal will be heard by an independent appeal panel, which will be made up of three people. None of these people will have any connection with the school concerned or the School Admissions Team.

If you made your application on time, we will hear your appeal within 40 school days of the deadline of 31 March 2026. If your application was late, we will try to hear your appeal with the appeals for applications we received on time. If this is not possible, we will hear it within 30 school days from the deadline the appeal being lodged (as shown on your offer letter).

At any time during the school year (until mid-July 2026), you have the right to appeal against the decision not to offer your child a place at one of the schools listed as your preferred schools on your application, which we received during the school year. However, if your appeal cannot be heard within that time frame because you made

your appeal late in the school year and there is not enough time left for your child to start the school before the end of the school year, you will need to fill in an in-year application form (ICAF) for a Year-8 place to start at the beginning of September 2026. You can make your application for a Year-8 place from 1 July 2026. If we turn down that application, you can also appeal that decision.

Schools outside the borough

If you want to appeal against a school place not being offered in a school outside Barking and Dagenham, you will need to contact the relevant admission authority (Local Authority or school) for details of how to do this.

Further appeals for schools in Barking and Dagenham

In each school year, we can only consider one appeal application for each child at each preferred school that has been refused. If we turn down your application, you have the right to appeal. The appeal panel's decision is final, and both we and you must accept it.

In normal circumstances, you cannot make a second application for the same school within the same school year. However, if there has been a significant change in your family's circumstances which you think changes your application's priority level (for example, if you have moved house), we may consider a second application. You will need to provide evidence that your circumstances have changed. If we accept that there has been a significant change in your circumstances but there is still no place available for your child at the school, you will be able to make a second appeal.

Can I go on an Interest List?

All Saints School

All Saints will automatically put your child on the school's Interest List with other children whose applications were turned down but are listed higher than the school your Local Authority offered you. If places become available, we then offer these using the schools' admission criteria. Your child will stay on the Interest List for a school year (until July 2026).

If you still want to stay on the Interest List after this date, you will need to fill out a new application form for the new academic year and you will have the opportunity for a new appeal.

All other Barking and Dagenham schools

We will automatically put your child on an Interest List for any other preferred Barking and Dagenham schools that we turned down but are listed higher than the school we have offered you. For example, if we have offered you preference number 3, your child will automatically be placed on the Interest List for preference 1 and 2, if these are Barking and Dagenham schools. The Interest List will be updated on a weekly basis and your child may therefore move up or down the Interest List according to the criteria and other children applying for oversubscribed places. We maintain the Interest List for each of these oversubscribed schools until 23 December 2026. Please do not email the Admission Team concerning what position your child is on the interest list for a particular school. You will need to telephone the Admission Team on 020 8215 3004. We will not answer emails that request this information.

We delete the Interest Lists for these schools at the end of each term (December, April and July). If places become available before this date, we offer them to children on the Interest List using only the admission criteria. If at the end of the term you have not received an offer from the Interest List, you will need to write to us at that time to place your child's name on the fresh Interest List for the next term. If you still want to stay on the Interest List after July 2026, you will need to fill in an in-year Common Application Form (ICAF) for the new academic (school) year and you will have the opportunity for a new appeal.

We do not take into account the date we received your application. If you want to apply for a school, you did not list on your original application form or you want to change the ranking of the schools on your original application form, you need to confirm this in writing to us by filling in a Change my School Preference Form <https://www.lbdd.gov.uk/form/change-my-school-preference-form> which you can get from our school admission website page. Forms received after the closing date will be processed as a 'Late' application.

Schools outside the borough

You will need to contact the school or the Local Authority concerned to follow their procedure for offering any places that become available. If places become available at those schools for our residents, the school will tell us who to offer those places to.

What happens if my child starts a Barking and Dagenham secondary-phase school but wants to transfer to another school in the borough?

First, make an appointment to discuss the matter with the pupil's current Head Teacher, as many situations can be dealt with without the disruption that a change of school can cause. If your child still wants to transfer to a different school and you have not put your child's name on the interest list for another school, please follow the guidance in the information e-booklet 'Finding a school place'. From 1 September 2026, applications or transfers for year 7 school places fall under the in-year admissions process which can be found on our school admission web page at <https://www.lbdd.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/in-year-admissions> and for more information about this please see our website or phone 020 8215 3004. You must make sure that your child continues to regularly attend their current school while we are considering your transfer request.

The closing date for your online application and the other information we ask for is

31 October 2025

Apply online for a secondary-phase school place now:

www.eadmissions.org.uk



Admission criteria for All Saints Catholic School in order of priority

Before you apply, please read the admission criteria and notes on this page and the next page. Also, read the procedures for filling in and sending in the certificate of Catholic practice form, baptism certificate and the cover note on page 51. If you do not provide the information we and your Local Authority need by the closing date, your child's application will not be processed under the relevant admission criterion and you risk not getting a place at this school. If you have any questions about the admission criteria or appeals, or if you need more information, please contact the school.

All Saints Catholic School was founded by the Catholic Church to provide an education for children of Catholic families. If there are more applications than places available, priority will always be given to Catholic children in line with our oversubscription criteria.

As a Catholic school, we aim to provide a Catholic education for all our pupils. Catholic doctrine and practice permeate every aspect of the school's activity. It is essential that the Catholic character of the school's education be fully supported by all families in the school. We therefore hope that all parents will give their full, unreserved and positive support for the aims and ethos of the school. This does not affect the right of an applicant who is not Catholic to apply for and be admitted to a place at the school in accordance with the admission arrangements.

The governing board is the admissions authority and has responsibility for admissions to this school. The Barking & Dagenham local authority undertakes the co-ordination of admission arrangements. The governing board has set its admission number at 240 pupils to be admitted to Year 7 in the school year which begins in September 2026.

Oversubscription criteria

If there are more applications than the number of places available, places will be offered in the following order of priority (note a.):

1. Catholic looked-after children (note b.)
2. Catholic children (note c.)
3. Members of an Eastern Christian Church (note d.)
4. Other looked-after children (note b.)
5. Children who will have a parent employed at All Saints Catholic School (either as teaching or support staff) on the date they are enrolled at the school (note g.)
6. Any other children.

Important notes

- a. Children who have an EHC plan are not included in our criteria as we deal with them under the terms of the Children and Families Act 2014. If an EHCP names our school, we must offer the child a place. We will offer the remaining places to other applicants, using our oversubscription criteria.
- b. A looked-after child is a child who is in the care of a Local Authority or is being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority under their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). For our admission purposes a 'looked-after child' includes a child who was in care but became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order immediately upon leaving care. A 'looked-after child' also includes a child who was in state care with a care agency outside England and was immediately adopted.
- c. 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This is evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked-after child living with a family where at least one of the parents is Catholic.
- d. 'Eastern Christian Church' includes Orthodox Churches, evidenced by a certificate of baptism or reception from the authorities of that Church.
- e. Within each criterion we will give priority to children who have a (sibling) brother or sister at the school in years 7 to 11 at the time of admission. 'Brother or sister' includes:
 - (i) all full brothers or sisters, half-brothers or half-sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or stepsisters, and foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
 - (ii) the child of a parent's partner if, for at least part of the week, that child lives in the same family unit at the same address as the child who is the subject of the application.
- f. A 'parent' means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but who has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.
- g. Priority will be given to children of staff who: have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of the application for admission to the school; or have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a skill shortage.
- h. If two or more children have an equal claim to a place in any one criterion, we will use the straight-line distance from home to school as the tie-breaker. Those children living nearest to the school will be given priority. When measurements are the same (for example from a block of flats), the Borough's database will automatically use a lottery system (random allocation) to offer places. The Borough measures distances using Synergy's Geographical Information System from the centre of the child's home to the school's main gate. Some addresses have different entry points and so we will use the co-ordinates provided from Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG). The same system will be used for those living outside the local area.
- i. We are unable to consider other circumstances not listed in the criteria. It is essential that we are consistent in our judgement and use only the criteria that have been agreed.
- j. The child's home stated on the Common Application Form (CAF) must be the permanent address where they live with their legal guardian. This should be the address for the parent's or carer's Council Tax bill and where Child Benefit is addressed.
- k. If we discover that we have given a child a place based on false or misleading information, we will withdraw the place and may take legal action.

Admission criteria for Goresbrook School in order of priority

Priority 1: Children who are or were in the care of a Local Authority.

Priority 2: Children who have a sibling (brother or sister) at the school.
Please see note 3.

Priority 3: Children who live closest to the school, measured
in kilometres in a straight line (as the crow flies).

If there are more applications than there are places available at a school, we will use the above criteria, in priority order, for deciding which applications to accept.

Important notes

1 Children who have an EHC plan are not included in the above criteria as we deal with them under the terms of the Children and Families Act 2014. We will offer children with an EHC plan a place if our school is named on their plan.

2 A looked-after child is a child who is or was:

- in the care of a Local Authority; or
- being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority under their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

For admission purposes we consider a 'looked-after child' to be a child currently in care or a child who was in care but became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order immediately after leaving care.

A 'looked-after child' also includes a child who was in state care with a care agency outside England and was immediately adopted.

3 'Sibling' means:

- a full brother or sister;
- a half-brother or half-sister;
- a stepbrother or stepsister; and
- an adopted or long-term fostered brother or sister; living at the same address and going to the named school (not including the school's nursery). Please make sure you name all siblings on your application form. If they are not listed on your form, we cannot take them into account. Please do not tick the sibling if this is a cousin. Cousins are not siblings.

4 The child's home must be the permanent address where they live with their legal guardian. This should be the address for the parent's or carer's Council Tax bill and where Child Benefit is addressed.

5 If two or more children have an equal claim to a place in any one category, we will give

priority to children who live closest to the school, measured in kilometres in a straight line (as the crow flies). We (the Barking and Dagenham School Admissions Team) measure all distances using Synergy's Geographical Information System from the centre of the child's home to the school's main gate. Some addresses have different entry points and so we will use the designated co-ordinates provided from Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG). If you live outside the area, we will use the same system to measure distances. When children have an equal claim to a place because their measurements are the same (for example, from a block of flats), our database will automatically use a lottery system (random allocation) to offer places to children.

6 We are unable to consider other circumstances not listed in the criteria. It is essential that we are consistent in our judgement and use only the criteria that have been agreed.

Admission criteria for all our other secondary-phase schools in Barking and Dagenham in order of priority

Priority 1: Children who are or were in the care of a Local Authority.

Priority 2: Children who live closest to the school, measured in kilometres in a straight line (as the crow flies).

If there are more applications than there are places available at a school, we will use the above criteria, in priority order, for deciding which applications to accept. Dagenham Park, Greatfields, Riverside, Sydney Russell and Warren School will also use these admission criteria.

Important notes

- 1 Children who have an EHC plan are not included in the above criteria as we deal with them under the terms of the Children and Families Act 2014. We will offer children with an EHC plan a place at the school that is named on their plan.
- 2 A looked-after child is a child who is or was:
 - in the care of a Local Authority; or
 - being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority under their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

For admission purposes we consider a 'looked-after child' to be a child currently in care or a child who was in care but became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order immediately after leaving care. A 'looked-after child' also includes a child who was in state care with a care agency outside England and was immediately adopted.
- 3 The child's home must be the permanent address where they live with their legal guardian. This should be the address for the parent's or carer's Council Tax bill and where Child Benefit is addressed.
- 4 All distances are measured using Synergy's Geographical Information System from the centre of the child's home to the school's main gate. Some addresses have different entry points and so we will use the co-ordinates provided from Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG). If you live outside the area, we will use the same system to work out distances.
- 5 We will use the distance from home to school for pupils who have equal claim for a place. Those children living nearest to the school will be given priority when deciding on places. When measurements are the same (for example from a block of flats), our database will automatically use a lottery system (random allocation) to offer places to children.
- 6 We are unable to consider other circumstances not listed in the criteria. It is essential that we are consistent in our judgement and use only the criteria that have been agreed.
- 7 If a school has a split site, the distance from the child's home to the school will be measured to the main site. The main site is the entrance through the main door at the site where the head teacher's office is. This measurement affects Barking Abbey and Robert Clack schools, who will decide which site the child goes to.
- 8 If we discover that we have given your child a place at a school based on false or misleading information, we will withdraw the place and may take legal action.

EHC – Education, Health and Care Plan

LAC – Looked-after children in the care of a Local Authority

Criterion – Individual admission criteria

How to fill in your forms

The Common Application Form - CAF

If you want your child to stay on at the all-through school they already go to, do not fill in an application form. If you want your child to move to a different secondary-phase school, you **must apply** for a place. If you do not fill in the Common Application Form, we may not be able to give your child a place at the school you prefer.

- Please use **all your six preferences** and rank (list) them in the order you prefer.
- Some schools may need you to fill in and send them supplementary forms and other documents (see page 27 for details).

The information you need to put on your form is as follows, but the order of the information is different on the online form. Please see page 26 for details of how to send us any documents we ask for if you cannot attach your documents online.

Details we ask for

Whether you fill in an online or paper form we need the following details. You need to fill in a separate form for each child. In the case of twins, triplets and so on, make sure you have a different ARN for each child when you apply online. To do this, make sure you tick 'yes' to the 'multiple birth' question so that you can fill in the extra online forms for each child.

Child's details

Child's name – This should be your child's legal name given on their birth certificate or passport. You are responsible for making sure that you have used the same name on all forms needed for your child's application. If you do not, we may not be able to process your child's application.

Child's date of birth – Please select the day, month and year.

Child's sex – Please select the relevant box to show if your child is male or female.

Child's address – This must be the permanent address where the child lives with their parents or legal guardians and where Child Benefit is addressed. Please see page 9 for full description.

Child's current school – Please select the name of your child's primary or junior school from the menu. If the school is not listed, you may type this information in the space given.

Children with additional needs

- Please select the relevant box to show if your child has an EHC plan.
- Please select the relevant box to show if your child has any additional needs and give details in the box provided. See page 10 for more details.

Children in care

Please select the relevant box to show if your child is or was 'in the care' of a Local Authority. If so, please attach a letter from the social worker confirming the legal status of the child and the Local Authority the child is in the care of. The letter should also provide the reasons for the preferred schools listed.

If the child was in care but is no longer being cared for by a Local Authority, tick 'yes' and provide documents to show the child was previously in the care of a Local Authority. See page 11 for more details.

Preferences for secondary-phase school

School name

Please select the name and borough (if outside the London borough of Barking and Dagenham) of **six different secondary-phase schools** you want to apply for. You must list the schools in the order you prefer them. Number 1 is the school you most prefer and number 6 is the school you least prefer. Please ensure that you write **six school preferences** as if you only write one school you may be offered a school place at a school that your child does not wish to attend. This is because there are more applications received than there are places available at any one school. You must list all state-maintained schools or academies (not private schools) you are applying for, including any schools outside the borough of Barking and Dagenham. If the schools you want

to apply for are not listed, you must contact the School Admissions Team before 5pm on 31 October 2025 or your application will be considered as 'Late'. Our contact details are on page 28. Please make sure you select the correct school as there are many schools with the same or similar names.

Siblings (brothers and sisters)

The only LBBD schools that offer sibling priority are All Saints and Goresbrook Schools. For these and other schools outside the borough that have a sibling criterion, please select the relevant box to show that your child has a brother or sister at the school you are applying for. Give the name, date of birth and sex of any brother or sister who is already at the school you are applying for.

This includes a full, half, step, adopted or long-term fostered brother or sister living at the same address. If you do not put the brother's or sister's name and date of birth in the correct section, we will not see the information on our computer system and so will not give your child priority under the sibling criterion. The school will need to confirm that your child has a brother or sister at the school before your application can be considered under this criterion.

We do not consider qualifying brothers and sisters who are not named in the correct section on your CAF.

Children of staff at the school

If you are applying to a school for your child and that school gives priority to children of staff members, please include the name and job title of the staff member employed by the school and the number of years they have worked at the school.

The only Barking and Dagenham school that uses the 'children of staff' criterion is All Saints Catholic

School (see pages 20 to 21 for more details). The admission criteria for our other schools are listed on pages 22 to 23.

Reasons for your preference

Some Local Authorities consider social and medical reasons as part of their admission criteria. We do not do this for our schools. If you are applying for a school outside the borough, it is very important that you check the admission criteria of each school you are applying for to see if their admission criteria take account of exceptional medical or social reasons. These might include religious, philosophical or any other reasons.

If you think there are exceptional medical or social reasons why your child should go to a particular school, select the relevant box on your online form to show this (or section 4 of the paper form). With your application, you also need to provide proof to the relevant school or LA that is supported by a professional (such as a Doctor's report).

Parent's or carer's details

Parental responsibility –

The adult listed on the form should be the person or people with parental responsibility for the child named. Please give your full name and contact details, and tick the relevant box to show your title and relationship to the child named (for example, tick 'other family member' if you are a sister caring for the child). Please remember to provide documentary evidence of legal guardianship if you are not the child's natural parent.

Parental address –

The online form automatically ticks the box to show that you and your child share the same address. If your address is different from the child's address (for example

parents share custody), please un-tick the question box 'Use your home address?' and enter your and your child's address details. If you fill in a paper form, please explain why your address is different from the child's and give both addresses on a separate sheet of paper. If we ask for proof of address, please make sure you send us the information listed on pages 9 to 11.

UK Armed Forces – Please tick the relevant box to show that you are either:

- a UK Armed Forces family with a confirmed posting to the area; or
- a crown servant returning from overseas to live in the area.

Please see page 11 for more details.

Password – We need a password for security purposes only. When you apply on a paper form, we will need you to give us a password between 8 and 12 letters long. Without this information we cannot give out information on your application if you visit or phone us. If you apply online, we will need your application reference number for security purposes.

Declaration

The person with parental responsibility for the child named in section 1 must tick the box in the declaration to confirm that they have read and understood the information in this e-booklet and that the information they give is accurate. If you are filling in a paper form, you must sign it in section 6.

Getting a receipt

If you apply online and successfully submit (make) your application, you will get an email confirmation and be given an application reference number. This is your receipt. Please make a note of your application reference number and keep it in a safe place as you will need to tell it to us if we have any questions, we need to ask you. If you fill in a paper form, we will email you to let you know that we have received your application.

Providing us with extra information

We do not accept documents by post. Instead, you should securely upload any documents we need to see on your eAdmissions account. If you upload your documents after the closing date, email us to let us know you have done this. Please call or email us if you have difficulties sending us your information. You can also email your documents to infos@lbbd.gov.uk or secure upload document service <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/send-us-copies-of-your-documents>.

Please remember to include your child's name, date of birth and application reference number when you contact us.

This will make sure that we can match your extra information to your application.



Please make a note of your application reference number (ARN) and keep it safe

Receipt details

Use the space below to record the username, email address and passwords you have used to make your application. Without them you will not be able to go online and see which school place we have offered your child. Your application is only valid when you press the 'Submit application' button at the end of the 'Check & submit' page.

You will then be issued with an application reference number (ARN). The eAdmissions Team will then send you a confirmation email. The email will include all the details of the application you have just made along with your ARN. In the case of twins, triplets and so on, make sure you have an ARN for each child.

Email details used

Email address:

Password:

eAdmissions details used

Username:

Password:

Record your application reference number here.

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This is a receipt that shows you have successfully submitted (made) your application.

Extra documents for All Saints Catholic School

All Saints Catholic School is a voluntary-aided secondary school and there are extra steps which Catholic applicants must take. Do not attach your cover note, CCP and other documents All Saints ask for online with your CAF – **you must send them direct to the school.**

Common Application Form (CAF) you must fill in the CAF and list All Saints Catholic School as one of your preferences. You must return the form to your home Local Authority by the closing date.

The co-ordinated admissions system operated by all Local Authorities in England works by offering an applicant one place only, which, if available, will be at the highest preference school on your CAF that has a place to offer your child under its criteria. If you want to have a Catholic education for your child, you need to put All Saints high up on your list of preferences to avoid being offered a place at a higher preference school that is not Catholic.

Cover note

You must fill in our cover note (on page 51) if you want to apply under our admission criteria 1, 2 or 3. You should fill in one cover note for each child, and send the notes, with either or both of the documents listed below, to The Admissions Officer, All Saints Catholic School, Terling Road, Dagenham RM8 1JT.

Baptism documents

If you want your child to be recognised as a Catholic (under our admission criteria 1 to 3), you should send All Saints a photocopy of your child's baptism certificate (or certificate of reception into the Catholic Church) by 31 October 2025. If you want to be recognised as a practising Catholic, your local priest must also fill in a CCP form. Please see the 'Certificate of Catholic practice' section below.

Certificate of Catholic practice form (CCP)

If you want to be considered as a practising Catholic (under our admission criteria 1 and 2), you must arrange to meet with your parish priest in time to request a

CCP which you must send with the baptism certificate straight to All Saints Catholic School to confirm whether your child meets the definition of a practising Catholic by 31 October 2025. If your priest is not local and is unfamiliar with these requirements, please ask him to contact the All Saints' Admissions Officer on 020 8270 4247.

Important notes

- If you miss our deadlines, we will class your application as 'late'.
- If you are applying through another borough and miss their deadlines, we will class your application as 'late'.
- We will **not deal** with any late applications **until after** 2 March 2026. We will then place your child on the school's Interest List along with other children whose applications were 'late', and if places become available we will offer them using the admission criteria. Your Local Authority will tell you which school has offered your child a place.

Supplementary Information Forms

SIFs for schools outside Barking and Dagenham

If you are applying to schools outside Barking and Dagenham, you need to fill in the Common Application Form from your child's home borough and then check whether the school needs you to fill in a supplementary form and provide any other documents. If so, you must send the information each school has asked for direct to the relevant school or LA.

If a school or LA asks for a Supplementary Form and documents but you do not send it direct to them, your application will not be considered under the correct criterion for that school because you did not give them all the information they asked for.

Your application will not be considered if you fill in a school's supplementary form but not your Local Authority's Common Application Form (CAF).

Important note

We **will not** pass on any forms and documents you attach to your online form to the school or LA on your behalf. You must send these direct to the school or LA.

Returning your information

Supplementary Information Forms

Please see pages 12 and 13 for details of how to return your forms.

Common Application Form

If you live in this borough you can make your application by going to the link on our website at www.lbdd.gov.uk/admissions or you can go straight to the eAdmissions site at www.eadmissions.org.uk. You must make your application no later than midnight on 31 October 2025. Do not leave it until the last day to apply.

If you live outside Barking and Dagenham you must fill in the Common Application Form available from the borough or county council area that you live in and return that form, to that council by their closing date.

Late applications

Applications we receive after the closing date are late. These late applications are processed after applications that are on time. Late applicants are less likely to get a place at their preferred school.

Contacting us

By phone:

You can call us for information on 020 8215 3004. Phone lines are open 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday. Please do not contact us concerning secondary school placements until after the evening of National Offer Day. **We will not discuss any school placements until 3 March 2026.**

By email:

Email us for information at infos@lbdd.gov.uk

By post:

We do not accept documents by post. Please call or email us if you have any difficulties making your application. Please **do not** contact e-admissions, you will need to contact The School Admission team on the details as above.

Important notes

- If you try to apply online and you cannot see your exact address in the list presented, or the schools you want to apply for are not listed, you must contact the School Admissions Team by 5pm on 31 October 2025. Our contact details are on this page.
- Please make sure you attach all other forms and documents we ask for. This may be proof that you are the child's guardian, proof of address, or proof that your child is or was in the care of a Local Authority (pages 9 to 11).
- Make sure you read page 26 of our admissions e-booklet for details of how to get a receipt and how to send us additional information.
- It is your responsibility to fill in any extra Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) for any schools or Local Authorities that ask you to do this and send these forms and documents back to them before the closing date. We will not pass on any SIF forms and documents you attach to your online form.

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Your child's secondary education is very important. We believe that the successful education of children greatly depends on a good working partnership between schools and families. We support and encourage this partnership and want you to become well informed about our schools. We and all the schools are committed to promoting equal opportunities and opposing all forms of discrimination and prejudice.

Each school has a page in this booklet to provide information for you. This information along with the virtual

school tours should help you list your preferences (for up to six schools) on your common application form. Virtual tours are available for most of our schools. To take a virtual tour, click on the school's website. As well as the virtual tours, you can visit our schools. You must book your visits in advance to make sure we keep to social-distancing rules. Each school allows up to two people per family to visit. To book an open-evening or open-day school tour, click on the link on the school's website. You may have a long wait if you do not book a tour beforehand.

Each of the schools will be able to give you:

- the school prospectus;
- the most recent Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) inspection report for the school (www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports);
- the school's examination results (www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables).

All Saints Catholic School

Head teacher: Clare Cattle
Address: Terling Road, Dagenham, RM8 1JT
Phone: 020 8270 4242
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E-mail: office@allsaintsschool.co.uk
Web: www.allsaintsschool.co.uk

Admission number: 240 DfE number: 301-4703

Open evening:
Wednesday 1 October 2025 - 4.30pm to 7.30pm
Travel information
Buses: 5, 87, 103, 128, 129, 173 and 175
Underground: Dagenham East and Dagenham Heathway
Rail: Chadwell Heath



Academically Excellent, Passionately Catholic – 'An Outstanding School' – Ofsted May 2024

Welcome to All Saints Catholic School, with a curriculum rooted in truth, goodness and beauty and values embedding Respect, Understanding, Affection and Humour. We are the only Catholic voluntary-aided secondary school in Barking and Dagenham and are over-subscribed every year. We are proud of our reputation as a warm and safe community, committed to dignity and respect "an inclusive ethos is a central pillar of the school" (Ofsted 2018). Every student is equally valued. They all bring their own special gifts and talents to a school where they are helped to flourish. We value and encourage the strong partnerships between the school and parents, all of whom we invite to play a full role in the life of the community. As a Catholic school, we principally serve the Catholic parishes of Barking and Dagenham. We also have the support of other local deaneries and parishes.

Outlooks

We are in the top 14% of schools nationally. Our Progress 8 score of 0.72 ranks us beside some of the best schools in the country. (Progress 8

is a measure designed to encourage schools to offer a broad and balanced curriculum at KS4.)

Modern learning

We were recently awarded National Secondary School of the Year for making a difference and we are at the forefront of researching and developing strategies to raise the standards of teaching and learning, not only within this school, but across a wider network. Catholic Inspectors have accredited the school for excellence and providing an outstanding education. We work closely with our main Catholic primary schools in an attempt to raise standards of achievement and to make the move from primary to secondary school easier. Our vision sees education as an holistic, spirit filled approach to developing the whole person, your child. We use the very latest technology in classrooms and remotely to support learning.

Care within our community

The pastoral (support and guidance) system of our school is based on gospel values. We aim to praise and raise. "Pastoral care is exceptional and the community feels like a big family" (IQM 2018). The worth of each person is at the heart of all our policies, including our anti-bullying and equal opportunities policies.

Our in-house mentoring schemes, trained counsellors and family support workers make sure that students can be given emotional and academic support when necessary. 'All Saints' has an unwavering commitment to continuous improvement, ensuring that it remains a beacon of excellence and inclusivity within the educational community' (IQM 2024).

The exciting future

We are a popular school with a bright future. We set challenging, but achievable, academic targets. We also offer a wide range of co-curricular activities such as Judo, sports, Engineering, STEM and Performing Arts. We are ready to meet the learning needs of all students in a future not yet made.

Should I apply?

For 2025 we received 587 applications for the 240 places available. If you want a place for your child at All Saints, it is vital that you follow all the steps carefully by the deadline dates listed.



Barking Abbey School (a specialist sports and humanities college)

Head teacher: Tony Roe
Address: Sandringham Road, Barking,
IG11 9AG
Phone: 020 3967 7030
Fax: 020 8270 4090
E-mail: office@barkingabbeyschool.co.uk
Website: www.barkingabbeyschool.co.uk

Admission number: 360 DfE number: 301-4021

Open evening:
Wednesday 24 September 2025, 5pm to 7pm
The school will determine which site your child will be educated from.
Travel information
Buses: 5, 62, 145 and 387
Underground: Upney and Barking Stations
Rail: Barking Station



Barking Abbey is a genuinely unique school with all of the advantages of being one of the largest schools in the country but at the same time our two campus model means that we know and value every child. It is a school of Character, where everything we do is guided by our school motto: **Give and expect the best.**

We have three aims at Barking Abbey. We want our students to;

BELONG – be part of our family and develop good character

ASPIRE – to dream big and to make it happen

SUCCEED – to get the very best results so they can flourish in life

We recognise that success depends on an effective partnership between the school, our students and their parents, and we actively work alongside our community to encourage our students to learn to do the right thing at the right time for the right reasons. Our standards and expectations are unashamedly high. We give equal priority to the development of student character



and academic achievement, so our students flourish as socially aware, skilled citizens with the skills and knowledge they need to take their place on the world stage. The school is one of the highest performing schools in the area at GCSE and Sixth form due to our outstanding teaching following the BA way.

Ofsted recognised our success in February 2024 in awarding us an **Outstanding** judgement in all areas.

We have a large and successful Sixth Form with over 500 students. Every year we send pupils to the best universities in the UK and worldwide. We have supported and mentored each one of these students to gain places in these competitive institutions.



We lead the country in degree level apprenticeships at large corporations. Our highly successful basketball, football, netball and dance academies make sure our student athletes follow an academically challenging pathway while developing their sporting talent to the highest possible level. This leads to many students gaining prestigious scholarships in the USA, as well as securing places at some of the top universities in the UK.



School of
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Dagenham Park Church of England School

Head teacher: Chris Ash

Address: School Road, Dagenham, RM10 9QH

Phone: 020 8270 4400

E-mail: office@dagenhampark.org.uk

Website: www.dagenhampark.org.uk

Admission number: 270 DfE number: 301-4704

Open evening:

Tuesday 23 September 2025, 4.30pm to 7.30pm

Open morning:

Friday 26 September 2025, 9.30am to 12.30pm

Travel information

Buses: 129, 145, 173, 174, 175, 287, 364, 687 and 721

Underground: Dagenham Heathway and Dagenham East Stations



As a school that has a reputation for outstanding pastoral and excellent academic achievement, we strive to inspire excellence through recognition and rewards. Pupils are celebrated for their effort and success. We have a set of nine behaviours that pupils are encouraged to display. These are incorporated into our school values of Believe, Grow, Succeed (BGS). We regularly celebrate pupils who have achieved BGS commendations with certificates, and badges which are worn by our pupils with pride.

Dagenham Park has been recognised nationally for the outstanding work that is taking place. The school holds the Gold Healthy Schools Award which recognises that pupils and staff benefit from an extensive whole school approach to healthy relationships, healthy eating, healthy physical activity, healthy minds. Dagenham Park School's provision in the arts has been awarded Artsmark Platinum status in recognition of the school's commitment to, and excellence in, arts education across the curriculum and bringing creative learning to life.

The school delivers a broad and balanced curriculum. Creative subjects are given an equal profile, with uptake increasing year-on-year.

In 2024, 61% of pupils achieved a good pass in Mathematics and English GCSE. This has supported them in making their next step in their academic career, with a number of pupils continuing their studies at Dagenham Park Sixth Form (DP6), which offers a wide selection of courses.

We follow a restorative approach to behaviour with consistently high expectations of our pupils. At Dagenham Park school pupils demonstrate pride in belonging to their school community by wearing correct school uniform.

The school develops the spiritual, moral, social and cultural education of pupils exceptionally well through the curriculum, a range of assemblies and other enrichment activities. Pupils and staff of all faiths and backgrounds take part in a wide range of Christian worship each day.

Pupils are well prepared for life in modern Britain by their tutorial lessons, which help them to understand democracy, religion, tolerance and the importance of the rule of law as well as developing important academic skills including numeracy, literacy and independent study.

Headteacher, Chris Ash, said: "We have worked hard to put systems and values in place that will keep improving Dagenham Park. We were delighted with the recent Ofsted report which ratified all our hard work"



Eastbrook School

Executive Head teacher: Tony Roe
Headteacher Secondary phase: Jamie Gibson
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Phone: 020 3780 3609
Website: www.eastbrookschoo.org
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Open evening:
Thursday 2 October 2025, 4pm to 7pm
Travel information
Buses: 103, 129 and 174
Underground: Dagenham East Station

Admission number for new pupils: 270 (see note below)
DfE number: 301-4023



A strong partnership

From 2023 Eastbrook School is partnering with Barking Abbey school to build two world class schools. This will build on Eastbrook's Good Ofsted report and Barking Abbey's 'could be Outstanding' Ofsted report. At both schools great teaching is underpinned by strong pastoral systems which allow us to know every child. They are also places where all pupils develop the personal qualities that lead to success in school and university, in work and in life beyond. We have excellent, state of the art facilities and acres of space including a Forest school.

Teaching and Learning

We teach a broad and balanced character- and academic-based curriculum, and we firmly believe that a truly first-class, 21st-century education must focus on both. Providing one without the other will not produce the rounded, confident and determined young people who will grow to be the success stories of the next generation. Students who work hard do very well at Eastbrook, and we encourage and support them to be highly ambitious as they progress to university, college, apprenticeships or the world of work.

PROUD to be Eastbrook

We value character education like Barking Abbey and we deliver this through our PROUD values. Our

PROUD values promote the essential qualities that young people must develop if they are to flourish and reach their full potential. PROUD stands for: Principled, Resilient, Open, Understanding and Disciplined. We provide daily opportunities for all students to demonstrate these qualities, and award them 'PROUD points' to recognise and celebrate when they do so.

We have an extensive out-of-hours programme which caters for a wide range of student interests, including art, photography, music, debating society, Duke of Edinburgh awards, drama, and a full range of sporting opportunities. We have ample space to host these activities, including two sports halls, a multi-use games area (MUGA), a gym, dance/photography studios, music rooms and ample break out spaces. We also have acres of land including football pitches and a running track.

Part of a family

As part of the Barking Abbey family we provide excellent pastoral care for our students through a dedicated pastoral team. We make sure that any issues are dealt with as quickly as possible and do not stand in the way of a young person's academic progress. Our smaller size gives us a key advantage because means that we have enough staff to make sure that we know all

our children and they are properly safeguarded.

At Eastbrook, inclusion and equal opportunities are central to all that we do, and we value every student as an individual. We have highly skilled and committed teams in SEND (special education needs and disabilities) and EAL (English as an additional language), and students who need extra support receive this through a range of high-quality intervention programmes and in-class support.

Visitors to our school consistently comment on the exceptional behaviour of our students. We have simple, fair rules and expect nothing but the best from everyone. We promote a kind and caring environment based on decency and respect. We do not tolerate bullying or harassment of any sort

<https://www.eastbrookschoo.org/secondary/school-info/ofsted-reports>

Important note

The school can admit 270 pupils to Year 7, but 30 places have already been given to Year-6 pupils at the school.

The remaining 240 places will be issued in line with the school's published admission criteria. See pages 9, 14 and 16.

Eastbury Community School

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Open evening:

Wednesday 8 October 2025, 4.30pm to 7.30pm

Travel information

Buses: 5, 62 EL2 and EL3

Underground: Barking and Upney Stations

Rail: Barking Station

Admission number for new pupils: 240

(see note below) **DfE number: 301-4024**



LEARNING + COMMUNITY

Why Choose Eastbury Community School?

At Eastbury we pride ourselves on our approach to education. We know that pupils, your children, cannot thrive at school if they don't feel safe and happy. This is the foundation of our school ethos. We have the highest expectations of all our pupils – from uniform, to behaviour, to effort, to outcomes, to attitude. For young people to reach their potential they need a well-ordered, professional environment.

We want all our pupils to believe they are good enough, because we know they are.

Excellence

We pride ourselves on offering a broad, balanced and challenging Key Stage 3 curriculum, which reflects the needs and ambitions of our learners, whilst reflecting the local and national context. This prepares our learners for the rigours of our GCSE curriculum, which continues to offer a broad range of subjects.



'Pupils make good progress overall. In a number of subjects in the secondary phase, pupils make outstanding progress. This is because of highly effective subject leadership and teaching.' Ofsted 2018

Pupils make excellent progress in our 6th form, which prepares them for the next step in their lives. In July 2018, Ofsted graded our sixth form as outstanding stating. Students from our sixth form go on to some of the most prestigious universities in the country, including Cambridge, Kings College London, UCL and Durham to study courses such as medicine, mathematics, engineering and history.

Collaboration

To underpin academic achievement and progress we have a comprehensive all-through pastoral provision. As a forward-thinking and progressive school, we ensure that our pupils have opportunities to work with a wide range of outside agencies, employers, and universities. This includes our role as a Royal Shakespeare Company Lead Associate School, which facilitates our pupils working with professional actors and directors and performing in prestigious venues such as the Barbican. We also work with a range of charities, such as: The Teenage Cancer Trust, Children in Need and the NSPCC, to develop pupils' understanding and appreciation of social injustices and the actions they can take to improve our wider society.

Success:

Our exceptional leadership opportunities and peer-mediation programme and mental-health ambassador programme for pupils make sure our pupils grow in independence, feel safe and create a



supportive working environment. Our school has a strong pupil council who actively contribute to our continued success.

We very much look forward to meeting you at our open evening, so that you can find out for yourself why ECS is such a popular and successful school.



FIND OUT
ABOUT OUR
OPEN EVENING



Important note

The school can admit 300 pupils to Year 7, 60 of which have already been allocated to Year 6 pupils at the school.

The remaining 240 places will be issued in line with the school's published admission criteria which can be found on our school website.



Goresbrook School – the best in everyone

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Admission number for new pupils: 60 (see note below)
DfE number: 301-4003

Open evening:
Tuesday 30 September 2025, 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Open morning:
Wednesday 1 October 2025, 9:00am to 10.30am
Please ring us for an individual appointment.

Travel information
Buses: 145, 173 and 287
Underground: Becontree Station



A unique journey

Goresbrook School opened in 2016, by 2024 it has already established itself as one of the top performing schools in the country. In 2022 and 2023 Goresbrook School was in the top 2% of schools in the country and ensured that over 50% of pupils received a grade 7 in English. Goresbrook is a beacon of excellent teaching, outstanding behaviour and conduct in a state-of-the-art building. The sixth form is now open with students going on to study at Cambridge, Oxford, UCL and London School of Economics. In 2022, our progress 8 score was +0.97 and in 2023, +0.81. Goresbrook also has one of the highest attendance rates in the country with over 96%.

To university and beyond

Our curriculum is broad and deep, offering a full range of aspirational, academic courses. From music to French and maths, we aim to develop students' knowledge of subjects that universities and employers are really looking for. When they leave us, our students will have the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to earn places at the top universities and be successful in rewarding careers.

The Goresbrook Guarantee

The Goresbrook Guarantee is our commitment to help children develop with a range of different activities and real-life experiences. Our secondary students should expect, as a minimum, to:

- read for pleasure daily;
- play a musical instrument;
- attend clubs and try out new ones;
- meet inspirational people;
- go on cultural and activity trips in London and beyond;
- visit universities;
- take on leadership and volunteering roles;
- gain work experience; and
- give presentations to real audiences in real-life situations.

State-of-the-art building

In 2016 we moved into our exceptional new school building. Our secondary wing has state-of-the-art technology, science labs, sports facilities and a library. It is bright and welcoming with plenty of space for whole-school events. Come and see for yourself at one of our open events.

Dedicated care and attention

As a new school, we have been able to hand-pick a team of outstanding staff to teach and support our students. So, as well as enjoying our brand new building, our students will have a superb opportunity to receive truly focused care and attention that is not often available elsewhere. Our priority is making sure that our students make a happy, successful start to secondary-phase school.

Important note

The school can admit 120 pupils to Year-7, but 60 places have already been given to Year-6 pupils at the school. The remaining 60 places will be issued in line with the school's published admission criteria. See pages 9, 14 and 16.

Greatfields School

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Admission number: 210
DfE number: 301-4006

Open evening:
Monday 29 September 2025, 6pm to 8pm
Open days:
Wednesday 1 October 2025, 9am and
Thursday 2 October 2025 9am
Travel information
Buses: 62, 287, 368 and 387
Underground: Barking Station



GREATFIELDS SCHOOL
Dream it. Believe it. Achieve it.



Why choose Greatfields?

Greatfields is a school for the local community and our mission is to provide the young people of the community with a first-class education. We have moved into our brand new building, with state of the art facilities. In our most recent Ofsted inspection in October 2024, the school remained overall 'good' with 'outstanding', judgements for leadership behaviour. The school is described in the report as "warm and welcoming where pupils are kept safe and feel safe... Pupils enjoy learning here". We are extremely proud of what the school has already achieved and are excited about building on this success in the years to come.

Teaching and learning is at the heart of everything we do at Greatfields. We are a highly inclusive school and believe that all students need to be challenged and stretched, regardless of their starting points. We make sure our curriculum meets the needs of all of our students. Our approach to teaching and learning is that students should be working harder than the teacher in lessons, should have the opportunity to work with their peers in lessons, and should feel safe to make mistakes in lessons as this is how they will

learn best.

Behaviour in the school is excellent and is built on three simple principles:

1. high expectations;
2. clear routines; and
3. positive relationships between staff and students.

We want our students to feel safe and happy in school and we achieve this by setting clear boundaries for students and making sure staff and students respect each other. We care deeply about our students and want the very best for them.

We have **high ambitions** for our students and believe that they can compete with any other child in the country. Starting in Year-7, we provide high-quality careers advice and experiences for our students so that they start thinking about their futures from an early age. Students have the opportunity to visit universities, colleges and a variety of businesses, both in London and beyond, in order to start understanding what life beyond school looks like.

We offer an extended curriculum, with a number of different clubs running every night after school, including football, netball, table tennis, basketball, STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths subjects), art, photography, dance, drama, debate and cooking clubs.



Jo Richardson Community School

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Open evening:
Wednesday 17 September 2025 4.30pm to 7.30pm
Travel information
Buses: 62, 145, 173 and 287
Underground: Becontree Station

Admission number: 300 DfE number: 301-4029



'The work done by this school in supporting pupils to develop into successful young adults is exceptional.' Ofsted.

Why Jo Richardson Community School?

At JRCS we are committed to reaching the highest standards in everything we do. We want all our students to achieve the best possible examination results as well as have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of extra-curricular activities. We strongly believe this can only happen in a well-ordered and respectful environment where only the highest standards of behaviour are acceptable, and where teachers are fully committed to making sure these goals become a reality.

Our £30 million building on Castle Green offers outstanding facilities, and we would encourage all students and parents to come and see the site. With the excellent reputation we have created, and the facilities available, there could not be a more exciting time to be joining the school.

'Success for All'

Central to our work is the motto 'Success for All', supported by our 'ACHIEVE' agenda, a commitment to student progress that is highlighted by positive, effective support systems and productive partnerships between all members of the school community.

We expect our students to set themselves the highest standards in every aspect of their school lives.

The school places great emphasis on the pastoral care and social education of the students. This is based on traditional values that encourage responsibility, self-respect and a commitment to hard work.

We have developed a modern uniform that promotes the positive image and reputation of the JRCS, while reflecting the practical needs of the students.

In May 2024, Ofsted visited the school for a full Section 5 inspection and stated that Jo Richardson Community School is an **outstanding school**.

Ofsted also commented that:

- 'Pupils achieve extremely well, including in external assessments. Leaders have thought very carefully about how to develop a curriculum that will best enable pupils to thrive, both at school and in adulthood. When pupils experience challenges in meeting the high standards expected by the school, leaders support them with sensitivity and diligence.'
- 'Pupils' behaviour is exemplary. They enjoy learning and they support each other in class.'
- 'Staff's highly positive working relationships with pupils also strongly support pupils' academic and personal development, and

their attitudes towards learning. Staff know and care for pupils really well.'

- 'Pupils and students in the sixth form, spoke about how much they appreciate the wider enrichment offer. Examples of this offer include the many opportunities that pupils have to become leaders within the school community and beyond.'

All these judgements support our commitment to making sure that every student achieves their full potential while attending our school.

Our systems are set up to regularly monitor students' achievements to make sure everyone is reaching the expected academic standards. We offer an extensive range of extra-curricular activities, including many foreign trips, to build on our students' educational and social experience at school.

Our sixth form is part of a highly successful partnership operating with four other local schools offering our students access to an extensive range of academic and vocational courses.

Jo Richardson was Barking's MP for 20 years and gave great service to the borough. We are determined that this school will continue to provide a lasting reminder of her contribution to the area.

Riverside School

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Admission number: 300 DfE number: 301-4001

Open evening:
Wednesday 15 October 2025, 5pm to 7pm.
Mornings on request. A virtual open event will be available to view on the school website.

Travel information
Bus: EL1 and EL3
Train - Barking Riverside overground station
(Gospel Oak Line)



Excellence for All

Riverside School opened in 2012, it will have over 1600 students, including 150 sixth-form students. Riverside School is an Ofsted outstanding school with a progress 8 score of +1.07 placing Riverside in the top 1% of schools in England. Riverside School was awarded the platinum Artsmark in 2024 for its exceptional work in creative arts and is currently fundraising for a new £6M professional theatre space for student and community use. Riverside School's motto: 'Excellence for All', reflects both high aspiration and exceptional education experienced by the whole school community.

'Your inclusive approach to sharing your vision and driving change results in pupils' impressive outcomes by the end of Year-11.'
Ofsted 2019

Learning at its core

Our success is the result of an absolute emphasis on learning and students love learning at Riverside. We allocate students one of two bands in year 7 for all lessons. From year 8 onwards we begin setting students in core subjects. High quality inclusive teaching means all learners are always challenged, so all students make exceptional progress when compared with national standards. We continually review each student's progress to ensure they are in the best band or set for them to flourish.



'Pupils benefit from a rich curriculum that is taught expertly by very well-trained staff.'
Ofsted 2022

Traditional values

We follow the traditional values of strong discipline, a school uniform and the highest expectations. Our first priority is to develop every child's academic potential. All students follow a broad, balanced and rigorous academic curriculum from year 7 to year 11. We set these very high standards and receive full support from parents and carers.

'Students' behaviour around school and in lessons is exemplary. They are eager to learn and contribute very well to lessons.'
Ofsted 2015

Best classrooms and exceptional sports and music facilities

Riverside's newly built £45 million campus on Barking Riverside has exceptional facilities. Every general classroom is 50% bigger than average. All subjects benefit from this outstanding new building, which includes state-of-the-art music studios, science labs, a four-court sports hall, a fitness suite, a dance studio and a library. The outdoor sports facilities include a full-size 4G AstroTurf pitch and four multi-use games areas.



Clubs, activities, sports, arts and music

At Riverside, a vast choice of after-school clubs offers students an opportunity to further develop wider essential skills. As well as the highest academic qualifications, these wider skills get students ready for success when applying to highly selective universities. Over 50% of students in 2023 gained a place at top 30 university.

After school clubs include STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths subjects), computer programming, drama, dance, debating, football, netball, athletics, basketball, and many other sports, choir and the school bands. We strongly encourage all students to take individual music tuition, by providing one-to-one weekly instrument lessons provided at no cost to parents/carers by our own music tutors.

At Riverside School we believe a happy child is a successful one. We are totally committed to providing a positive, safe and highly stimulating learning environment for all our young people, who are all valued and successful as independent life-long learners.

Robert Clack School of Science (a specialist college)

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Admission number: 540 DfE number: 301-4027

Open evening:
 Thursday 9 October 2025, 6pm to 8.30pm
 on Green Lane site
 Travel information
 Buses: 5, 87, 103, 128, 129, 173, 175 and 499
 Underground: Heathway Station
 Rail: Chadwell Heath Station



Robert Clack School is an all-through school for 4 -19 year olds, with capacity for 3100 pupils in the secondary school, including a thriving and successful sixth form of over 400 and 420 pupils in the primary school.

Given that Robert Clack is the largest school in the country, pupils benefit from the widest range of academic and extracurricular opportunities. Furthermore, our 'family of schools' structure means that pupils also experience the advantage of a small setting as a result of being educated in smaller year groups of 180 pupils on one of our three sites (Gosfield Road, Green Lane or Lymington Fields).

Values

At Robert Clack School, we strive for excellence in all that we do and aim to give our pupils the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to fulfil their potential and make a valuable contribution to society. We are proud of our calm and ordered learning environment, which is built on the traditional values of:

- compassion for others;
- discipline;
- high expectations and ambitions; and
- hard work.

"Behaviour at Robert Clack is exceptional, This begins in the Reception year, where children are expected to sit attentively contribute and listen. This ethos is present across each of the school's sites. Pupils demonstrate very positive attitudes towards their learning, taking care of their environment and celebrating each other's

achievements. Pupils show high levels of self-regulation and integrity, both in lessons and around the school."

Ofsted 2023.

The teaching and support staff who work at our school are completely committed to delivering an outstanding education to our pupils so that they become the best people they can be. We believe in our pupils, and we are determined to make sure that they believe in themselves by embracing the original school motto: 'forti difficile nihil' - 'for the brave, nothing is difficult'.

"Pupils learn to be resilient, confident and compassionate individuals. They have high expectations of themselves and strive for ambitious and aspirational goals. This is supported by a varied and interesting careers programme, volunteering opportunities, visits and experiences. In the sixth form, students are well supported into their next stage, whether it be education, employment or training." **Ofsted 2023.**

Academic, vocational and personal development

Our pupils achieve excellent outcomes in a broad range of academic and vocational subjects, and go on to pursue careers in a wide variety of industries. The school has a national reputation for sport, extra-curricular activities (such as debating) and educational visits, both in the UK and abroad. Among many recent successes, our junior athletics squad came second in the national athletics final, and we have competed in several borough, county and national finals across a range of sports. Our debating society won both the winter and summer

Model United Nations conferences, which are prestigious international debating competitions.

"The support for pupils' wider personal development is exemplary. The curriculum for personal, social, health and economic education is carefully considered. For example, pupils learn about important elements of citizenship, including democracy, government, financial risk and management. They are taught how to stay safe online and how to maintain strong physical and emotional health. Character education is particularly strong. It infuses all elements of school life." **Ofsted 2023.**

Continued success, continued investment

As a result of our huge popularity and consequent expansion, in recent years the school has benefitted from significant investment in new buildings on all three sites. One each site, pupils have access to fully equipped specialist subject facilities including DT and Food workshops, drama studios, music, media and computer suites and purpose-built sport centres which conform to the Sport England standard.

"Robert Clack School has undergone a significant and complex expansion programme. Leaders, including those responsible for governance, have managed this very well. Their collective shared vision and high ambition for the school community are consistently exemplified in the ethos, culture and practice across each site. Leaders have a detailed and accurate understanding of the school's many strengths." **Ofsted 2023.**



The Sydney Russell School

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Admission number for new pupils: 270 (see note below)

DfE number: 301-4028

Open evening:
Monday 22 September 2025, 5pm to 7pm. Please note the last entry to view the school will be 6.30pm.

Open mornings:
Thursday 25 September 2025, 9am

Travel information
Buses: 5, 62, 87, 145, 364, 129, 173, 175 and 499

Underground:
Becontree and Dagenham Heathway Station



Ofsted 'Good' 2021

- "Behaviour and attitudes are outstanding"
- [There is] "a broad and ambitious programme of learning that aims to meet the needs of all pupils."
- "Curriculum planning is typically ambitious, and teaching focuses on making sure that pupils understand and remember essential knowledge. As a result, pupils get better in each subject and achieve well."
- The personal development programme is ambitious and exceptionally well planned.
- An ethos of equality runs through the whole school.

Vision

Unlocking the potential of every child, challenging expectations and levelling the playing field is at the heart of what we do and who we are at the Sydney Russell School. As an all through school, from EYFS to Year 13, we aim to ensure every child has the currency, character and cultural capital they need to succeed.

"Behaviour and attitudes are outstanding"... "An ethos of equality runs through the whole school."... "The personal development programme is ambitious and exceptionally well planned." Ofsted 2021

Grouping by ability

We have no mixed-ability classes - we believe students learn best when they work with students of similar ability to themselves, enabling them to learn at a pace that is right for them and ensuring they are always challenged. We regularly review each student's progress to make sure they are in the correct group.



Our curriculum has a strong academic focus, with a relentless drive to ensure students are well-prepared for key milestones in their learning journey. The curriculum enables all students to study a wide offer of arts subjects including music, drama, art and design and technology throughout Year 7 to Year 9, setting them up for success in KS4 and beyond, as evidenced in the destinations of our students who progress from Sixth Form to elite universities including Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard and Yale.

Traditional values

We follow the traditional values of strong discipline, school uniform and a demanding classroom environment. Our first priority is to develop every child's academic potential to the maximum. We set high standards and we expect full backing from parents.

Facilities

Our school and students benefit from well-equipped, modern classrooms with extensive computer facilities, 6 state of the art science labs and a large well-resourced library. Our sports facilities include 4G pitches, an extensive field area and large indoor sports spaces including a gym suite and sprung dance floor studio. We offer music practice rooms, two drama studios and a specialist media suite.



Clubs, activities, sports, arts and music

Our Personal Development provision is exemplary, with an extensive range of clubs and activities on offer including the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, Debate Mate, chess, robotics, art, a wide range of sports, choir and orchestra. We have a strong commitment to music education; every Year 7 student is provided with and taught how to play a musical instrument as part of the MiSST programme, enabling students to develop as accomplished musicians during their time at our school.

Important note

The school can admit 360 pupils to year 7 but 90 places have already been given to Year 6 pupils at the school. The remaining 270 places will be issued in line with the school's published admission criteria. See pages 9, 14 and 16.



The Warren School

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Admission number: 240 DfE number: 301-4004

Open evening:
Thursday 25 September 2025, 5pm to 7pm

Opening mornings will be available from 29 September 2025 to Friday 3 October 2025 sessions are 10.10am or 11.30am and they will be for 30 minutes. Please ensure that you book online via the link on The Warren School website.

Travel information

Buses: 62, 66, 86, 173 and 362

Rail: Chadwell Heath Station



Values

At The Warren School we prepare our students for the changing demands of the future. We value character alongside academic success and foster both of these to mould our students for the opportunities they will face. Each student develops as an individual, a partner, a member of a team and as a citizen. We are committed to the success of all our students.

Curriculum

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum that will prepare our students for any career. Alongside the compulsory core subjects of English, maths and science, students can choose a range of options to interest them and prepare them for success in the workplace. As well as our focus on exam success and student progress, we focus on developing character and resilience that will stand our students in good stead, whatever their career path.

Attainment and progress

Year-on-year, the school has made improvements in attainment at both GCSE and A level.

Pastoral support

Our pastoral systems are supportive and rigorous and our mentoring system makes sure that any student who needs extra support to reach their potential receives this. We take behaviour for learning very seriously and expect students to take part in all lessons wholeheartedly. We take pride in our school and our students show this by wearing our uniform correctly.

Student leadership

Student leadership is at the heart of our school. Each year group has its own elected council that meets regularly and makes decisions and takes actions to put them into practice. This leadership feeds into a whole-school council led by the elected head girl and head boy and the School Parliament. We take the opinions of our students seriously and mould students to be leaders of the future.

Enrichment

We have an extensive enrichment programme that develops our students beyond the classroom. Students have worked in school with Drum Works drumming project and Arc Theatre Group. We have taken students on a range of trips, including France and the World War I battlefields in Belgium, as well as local trips to the National History Museum, the Science Museum,

the British Library and the Victoria and Albert Museum. We are a partner school for the Old Vic Theatre and have regular visits to the universities of Oxford, Cambridge and Warwick. We have hosted performances and workshops for The National Theatre and The Globe Theatre. We also have a series of activities throughout Years 7 to 13 that help to create well-rounded individuals who take part in and contribute to their wider community, including visiting places of worship, raising funds for charity and performing in front of an audience. More than 900 students have been trained in first aid and CPR.

Sixth form

Our sixth form is growing both in size and its academic profile. We have a stand-alone sixth form that caters for all of our students. Our students move on to study at many Russell Group universities, such as Oxford University, Kings College, London and University College London (UCL). All students who applied for university places were successful. Students are mentored on their pathways to university and take part in many programmes, for example, the Futures Programme where they shadow students at Cambridge University and are allocated an Oxbridge graduate as a personal mentor.



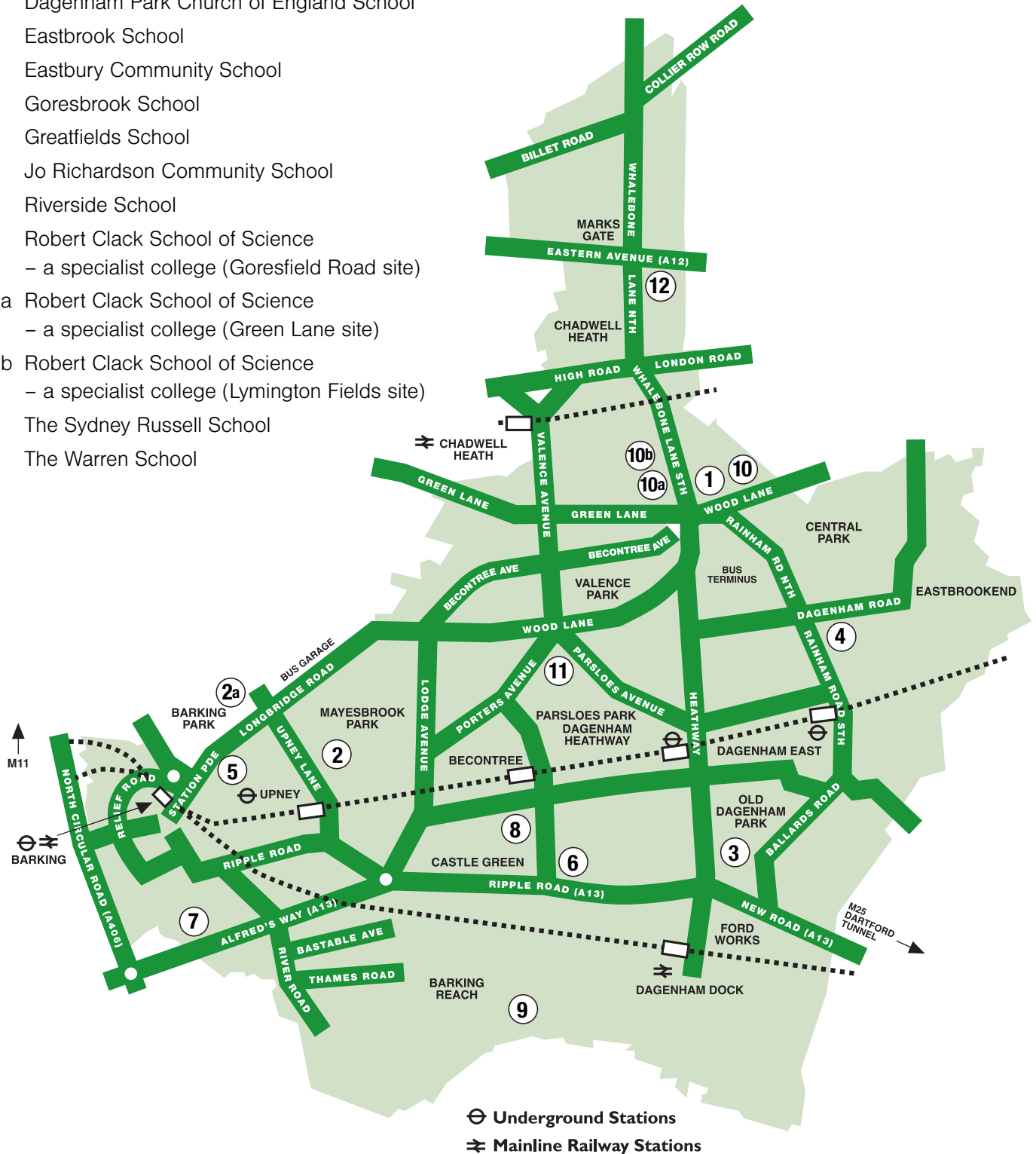
The timetable of events

Date	What happens
1 September 2025	- The admissions process starts and parents may apply online. - Virtual tours – Virtual tours are available at most of our schools. To go on a virtual tour, click the link on the relevant school's website (listed on page 30 to 41).
17 September 2025 – 15 October 2025	If you would like to visit a school in Barking and Dagenham, the times of their open days and open evenings are shown on pages 30 to 41.
Wednesday 17 September, 4.30pm to 7.30pm	Jo Richardson School, open evening
Open evening Monday 22 September 2025, 5pm to 7pm Please note the last entry to view the school will be 6.30pm. Open mornings: Thursday 25 September 2025, 9am	Sydney Russell School, open morning and open evening
Open evening Tuesday 23 September 2025, 4.30pm to 7.30pm Opening morning Friday 26 September 2025, 9.30am to 12.30am	Dagenham Park School, open morning and open evening
Wednesday 24 September 2025, 5pm to 7pm	Barking Abbey School, open evening
Open evening Thursday 25 September 2025, 5pm to 7pm Opening mornings will be available from 29 September 2025 to Friday 3 October 2025 sessions are 10.10am or 11.30am and they will be for 30 minutes.	Warren School, open morning and open evening. Please ensure that you book online via the link on The Warren School website.
Open evening Monday 29 September 2025, 6pm to 8pm Open mornings Wednesday 1 October 2025, 9am and Thursday 2 October 2025, 9am	Greatfields School, open morning and open evening
Open evening Tuesday 30 September 2025, 5.30pm to 7.30pm Open morning Wednesday 1 October 2025, 9.00am to 10.30am	Goresbrook School, open morning and open evening
Wednesday 1 October 2025 - 4.30pm to 7.30pm	All Saints School, open evening
Thursday 2 October 2025, 4pm to 7pm	Eastbrook School, open evening
Wednesday 8 October 2025, 4.30pm to 7.30pm	Eastbury School, open evening
Thursday 9 October 2025, 6pm to 8.30pm	Robert Clack School, open evening
Wednesday 15 October 2025, 5pm to 7pm	Riverside School, open evening
31 October 2025, 5pm	Deadline for extra documents and the certificate of Catholic practice (CCP) to arrive at All Saints Catholic School, Terling Road, Dagenham, Essex, RM8 1DS.
31 October 2025, 5pm	Deadline for written documents to arrive with the School Admissions Team. If we receive your application or any documents after this date and time, we treat them as 'late'.
31 October 2025, 12 midnight	National closing date. Deadline for on-time applications submitted online. If we receive your application or any documents after this date and time, we treat them as 'late'.
20 January 2026	Deadline for sending us any new information (for example, a new home address) for applications for Barking and Dagenham schools.
2 March 2026	National offer date. We send results to parents to tell them our decisions on applications. We cannot tell parents decisions over the phone. If you have applied online, you can see the results of your application you will be notified the evening of 2 March 2026 , otherwise you must wait up to two days for your letter to be delivered if you filled in paper form. Please do not telephone our admission team until 3 March 2026 as we will not be able to discuss your application offer until this date.
14 March 2026	Deadline for accepting the offer of a school place at All Saints Catholic School, All-through schools and schools outside the borough.
31 March 2026	Deadline for receiving filled-in appeal forms for all Barking and Dagenham schools for the first round of appeal hearings.
31 March 2026	We send letters to parents who have not applied for a school place to tell them what school has been allocated to their child.
April to July 2026	Appeals will be heard for all schools. Parents are invited to these appeals via Microsoft Teams. There are no in person appeals

Map of secondary-phase schools in the borough

Key

- 1 All Saints Catholic School
- 2 Barking Abbey School
– a specialist sports college (Sandringham Road site)
- 2a Barking Abbey School
– a specialist sports college (Longbridge Road site)
- 3 Dagenham Park Church of England School
- 4 Eastbrook School
- 5 Eastbury Community School
- 6 Goresbrook School
- 7 Greatfields School
- 8 Jo Richardson Community School
- 9 Riverside School
- 10 Robert Clack School of Science
– a specialist college (Goresfield Road site)
- 10a Robert Clack School of Science
– a specialist college (Green Lane site)
- 10b Robert Clack School of Science
– a specialist college (Lymington Fields site)
- 11 The Sydney Russell School
- 12 The Warren School



Other London authorities' school admissions sections

London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Admissions

www.lbdd.gov.uk/admissions
Phone: 020 8215 3004

London Borough of Barnet Admissions

Building 2, North London Business Park,
Oakleigh Road South, N11 1NP
Phone: 020 8359 7651

Bexley Council Admissions

Civic Offices, 2 Watlin Street,
Bexleyheath, Kent, DA6 7AT
Phone: 020 8303 7777

Brent Education Authority

Civic Centre, Engineers Way,
Wembley, HA9 0FJ
Phone: 020 8937 3110

London Borough of Bromley School Admissions

Civic Centre, Stockwell Close,
Bromley, Kent, BR1 3UH
Phone: 020 8313 4044

Camden Education Authority

5 Pancras Square, London, N1C 4AG
Phone: 020 7974 1625

City of London Education Service

PO Box 270, Guildhall,
London, EC2P 2EJ
Phone: 020 7332 1002

Croydon Council Education Department

Bernard Weatherill House, 8 Mint Walk,
Croydon, CR0 1EA
Phone: 020 8726 6400

Ealing Council Admissions

Perceval House, 14-16 Uxbridge Road,
London, W5 2HL
Phone: 020 8825 5511

London Borough of Enfield Admissions

PO Box 56 Civic Centre, Silver Street,
Enfield, EN1 3XQ
Phone: 020 8379 5501

London Borough of Greenwich Admissions

Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street,
London, SE18 6HQ
Phone: 020 8921 8043

Hackney Education Authority

The Learning Trust (Hackney),
1 Reading Lane, London, E8 1GQ
Phone: 020 8820 7000

London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham Education Department

Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street,
London, W8 7NX
Phone: 020 7745 6434

Haringey Education Authority

River Park House, 225 High Road,
London, N22 8HQ
Phone: 020 8489 1000

Harrow Council Admissions

PO Box 22, Civic Centre, Harrow,
Middlesex, HA1 2UW
Phone: 020 8901 2620

London Borough of Havering Education Service

Town Hall, Main Road,
Romford, RM1 3BD
Phone: 01708 434 600

London Borough of Hillingdon Admissions

Civic Centre, High Street,
Uxbridge, UB8 1UW
Phone: 01895 556 644

London Borough of Hounslow Admissions

Civic Centre, Lampton Road, Hounslow,
TW3 4DN
Phone: 020 8583 2721

London Borough of Islington School Admissions Section

222 Upper Street, London, N1 1XR
Phone: 020 7527 5515

Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

Kensington Town Hall, Horton Street,
London, W8 7NX
Phone: 020 7745 6432 / 6432 / 6434

Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames Admissions

42 York Street, Twickenham, TW1 3BW
Phone: 020 8547 4610

London Borough of Lambeth Admissions

10th Floor, International House,
Canterbury Crescent, SW9 7QE
Phone: 020 7926 9503

London Borough of Lewisham Admissions

3rd Floor, Laurence House, 1 Catford
Road, SE6 4RU
Phone: 020 8314 8282 (9am-12pm)

London Borough of Merton

Civic Centre, 100 London Road, Morden,
SM4 5DX
Phone: 020 8274 4906

London Borough of Newham Admissions

Newham dockside, 1000 Dockside
Road, London, E16 2QU
Phone: 020 8430 2000

London Borough of Redbridge Admissions

255-259 High Road, Ilford,
Essex, IG1 1NN
Phone: 020 8708 3562

London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Admissions

44 York Street, Twickenham, TW1 3BZ
Phone: 020 8891 7514

London Borough of Southwark

PO Box 64529, London, SE19 5LX
Phone: 020 7525 5337

London Borough of Sutton Admissions

Civic offices, St Nicholas way,
London, SM1 1EA
Phone: 020 8770 5000

Tower Hamlets Education Authority

Pupil services, Mulberry Place, Clove
Crescent, London, E14 2BG
Phone: 020 7364 5006

London Borough of Waltham Forest

School Admissions Service, Town Hall
Complex, Forest Road, London, E17 4JF
Phone: 020 8496 3000

Wandsworth Council Admissions

Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street,
London, SW18 2PU
Phone: 020 8871 7316

Westminster Education Authority

Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street,
London W8 7NX
Phone: 020 7745 6432

Neighbouring authorities' school admissions sections

Essex County Council

PO Box 4261, Chelmsford, CM1 1GS
Phone: 0345 603 2200
Email: admissions@essex.gov.uk

Thurrock Council

PO Box 118, Civic Offices, Grays, Essex,
RM17 6GF
Phone: 01375 652 883
Email: admissions@thurrock.gov.uk

Glossary Definitions of the words used in this e-booklet

Term	Definition
Academy and Free Schools	Schools that receive funding directly from central government, but have independence from day-to-day Local Authority (LA) and government control. They may receive extra support from personal or corporate sponsors, either financial or other types of support. The school is its own admission authority and governors are responsible for setting the admission criteria and arranging appeals.
Admission	Entry to a school.
Admission authority	The organisation that draws up the admission arrangements and sets out the admission criteria for the schools that it maintains. The LA is the admission authority for community schools, and each voluntary aided school is its own admission authority. All admission authorities within an LA must link together to co-ordinate their admission arrangements.
Admission criteria	Conditions set by the admission authority which are used to decide whether or not a place can be offered to a child.
Admission number	The maximum number of children that may go to the school within a school year.
Appeals procedure	The process for questioning a decision not to offer your child a place at the school you have applied for.
Certificate of Catholic practice (CCP)	The form that the priest signs to confirm your commitment to your faith as shown by your links with your local church. It is used by voluntary-aided schools to apply their admission criteria. This form is only valid if you also fill in the CAF, and give that school all the information they need.
Common Application Form (CAF)	The name of the LA form used by anyone applying for a school place.
Community schools	Schools within an LA which are maintained by the LA. The LA is responsible for admitting children to these schools.
Department for Education (DfE)	The central government department responsible for making appropriate laws and developing guidance to help the education of children and young people in England and Wales.
Educational Health Care (EHC) plan	The document is prepared for children who have special educational needs. The report is prepared in line with the Education Act of 1996 and gives details of the child's special needs and what should be provided to meet these needs by the education provision. This process is now called the EHC plan (Educational Health Care) under the Children and Families Act 2014.
English baccalaureate	Certificate for students who achieve grades A*- C in English, mathematics, two sciences, a foreign language and history or geography.
Governing bodies	Responsible for making sure that the school is managed in line with laws and follows policies in line with the conditions set by the DfE.
Infant, junior or primary schools	'Infant schools' provide education for children aged four to seven, 'junior schools' for children aged seven to 11 and 'primary schools' for children aged four to 11.
Interest List	A list containing the names of every applicant who has been declined a school place at the offered school, but who is still interested in a place at another preferred school. Some LAs will call these waiting lists.
Local Authority (LA)	The council is responsible for many services and this includes providing education across schools within the council's boundaries.
Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted)	The central government department responsible for inspecting the quality of education and welfare provided by schools and organisations that provide childcare.
Preference	The list of schools you would like your child to go to. Remember to put your first choice and most desired school as number one. You write these schools on your CAF.
Prospectus	A booklet or document which contains information describing a school, its day-to-day life and its way of teaching and learning.
Sibling	Either a full, half, step or long-term fostered brother or sister living at the same address.
Voluntary aided (VA) schools	LA schools run in partnership with 'voluntary bodies' (usually religious organisations). The voluntary sector (the Catholic or Church of England Diocese) are responsible for maintaining the buildings, and the governors of the schools are responsible for setting the admission criteria and arranging appeals (the schools' admission authorities).
Voluntary controlled schools	Can be called a religious or faith school, but the LA is responsible for running the school. The LA is responsible for setting the admissions criteria and arranging appeals.

Options for 14 to 19-year-olds

(Technical and training schools)

Children do not need to spend the whole of their school life at secondary-phase schools. When your child reaches Year-9, there are other types of schools available that your child can move to, called technical and training schools. These schools fall within the category of either university technical colleges (UTCs) or studio schools. They are open in some areas to provide 14 - to 19-year-olds with technically based courses of study or learning that is based on the skills they will need for work.

UTCs have university and employer sponsors who offer technically based courses to combine national curriculum requirements with technical and vocational elements. UTCs must specialise in subjects that require technical and modern equipment (such as engineering and construction), that will be taught alongside business and ICT (information communication and technology) skills. UTCs should offer clear routes into higher education or further learning in work.

Studio schools are for 14 to 19 year olds. Backed by local businesses and employers, they are small schools which are open all year round and have a 9 to 5 working day, so they feel more like a workplace than a school. Working closely with local employers, studio schools will offer a range of academic and vocational (work-based) qualifications including GCSEs in English, maths and science, as well as paid work placements linked directly to employment opportunities in the local area. Students will gain a wide range of life skills to improve their chances of employment through the 'CREATE skills framework'. Pupils will have the option to go on to university or further training, and into employment.

We have a UTC school in our borough. It is called Brook Sixth Form and is on Rainham Road South, Dagenham RM10 7XS.

There is a list of other UTCs or studio schools in the south-east area on the next page of this e-booklet.

How to apply for a Year-10 place for September 2026

First contact the technical and training schools that you would like your child to go and ask how to apply for a place at their school. Some schools accept applications direct but others only accept applications from the Local Authority you live in. If the school or college you are interested in only accepts applications from the Local Authority you live in, please follow the process set out in our information e-booklet 'Technical and training schools'. (This process is summarised below.)

From 1 September 2025, fill in our Common Application Form (CAF) and list up to three different schools. The closing date is 31 October 2025. See page 13 for how to apply online. The instructions are the same as you would use for applying for a secondary-phase school place for your child.

We will pass on your request to the relevant school or Local Authority and exchange all possible offers. If a place is available, you will receive an offer from the Local Authority at the school you ranked highest on your application form. If you make your application on time, all Local Authorities will send the results on national offer day, which is the evening of 2 March 2026.

Technical and training schools in the south-east area

BMAT STEM Academy

Specialism: Computing, Science, Engineering
Location: Velizy Avenue, Harlow,
Essex, CM20 3EZ
Phone: 01279 307254
Email: info@bmatstem.org.uk
Website: www.bmatstem.org.uk

Brook Sixth Form

Specialism: Product Design and Engineering
Location: Yew Tree Avenue, Rainham Road South,
Dagenham East, RM10 7XS
Phone: 020 3773 4670
Email: office@brooksixthform.com
Website: brooksixthform.com

De Salis Studio College

Specialism: Business and Finance
Location: Hewens Road, Hayes End,
Middlesex, UB4 8JP
Phone: 020 8573 2097
Email: rosedalehewens@gmail.com
Website: www.desalisstudiocollege.co.uk

Elstree UTC

Specialism: Multimedia, Production Arts,
Digital technology and communication for
entertainment industries
Location: Studio Way, Borehamwood,
Hertfordshire, WD6 5NN
Phone: 020 8386 6220
Email: admin@elstreeutc.co.uk
Website: www.elstreeutc.co.uk

Global Academy UTC

Specialism: Creative, Technical, Broadcast and
Digital Media
Location: The Old Vinyl Factory, Blyth Road,
Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 1HA
Phone: 020 7766 6000
Email: question@globalacademy.com
Website: www.globalacademy.com

Heathrow Aviation Engineering UTC

Specialism: Aviation Engineering
Location: Potter Street, Northwood,
Middlesex, HA6 1QG
Phone: 01923 602 130
Email: info@heathrow-utc.org
Website: www.heathrow-utc.org

Leigh UTC

Specialism: Computer science and Engineering
Location: Brunel Way, The Bridge Development,
Dartford, Kent, DA1 5TF
Phone: 01322 626 600
Email: info@theleighutc.org.uk
Website: www.theleighutc.org.uk

Logic Studio School

Specialism: Computing
Location: Browells Lane, Feltham,
Middlesex, TW13 7EF
Phone: 020 8831 3000
Email: info@logicstudioschool.org
Website: www.logicstudioschool.org

London Design and Engineering UTC

Specialism: Design and Engineering
Location: Docklands Campus, University Way,
London, E16 2RD
Phone: 07714 255 193
Email: admin@ldeutc.co.uk
Website: www.ldeutc.co.uk

Mulberry UTC

Specialism: Health, science, business, media
and theatre
Location: Parnell Road, Bow, London, E3
Phone: 020 3137 7024
Email: admissions@mulberryutc.org
Website: www.mulberryutc.co.uk

Parkside Studio College

Specialism: Creative Media, Construction, Health and
Social Care, Hospitality and Catering, Hairdressing and
Beauty Therapy, Sport and Leisure
Location: Wood End Green Road, Hayes,
Middlesex, UB3 2SE
Phone: 020 8573 2097
Email: parksidestudio1@gmail.com
Website: www.parksidestudiocollege.co.uk

Sir Simon Milton Westminster UTC

Specialism: Transport Engineering and Construction
Location: Westminster
Phone: 020 3506 9277
Email: k.barker@westminster.ac.uk

South Bank Engineering UTC

Specialism: Engineering for Building and Health Sectors
Location: Brixton
Phone: 020 7815 8181
Email: info@southbank-utc.co.uk
Website: www.southbank-utc.co.uk

Space Studio West London

Specialism: Space, Aerospace, Science and Maths
Location: Letchworth Avenue, Feltham,
Middlesex, TW14 9RY
Phone: 020 3696 8140
Email: info@spacestudiowestlondon.org
Website: www.spacestudiowestlondon.org

Watford UTC

Specialism: Computer science, Travel and tourism,
Hospitality, and Event management
Location: Colonial Way, Watford,
Hertfordshire, WD24 4PT
Phone: 01923 905 240
Email: admin@watfordutc.org
Website: www.watfordutc.org

Useful information and services

The Advisory Centre for Education (ACE)

ACE is an independent registered charity which offers advice for parents and gives information about state education in England and Wales for children aged five to sixteen. They offer free advice over the phone on many subjects such as exclusion from school, bullying, special educational needs and school admission appeals.

General advice line:

Phone: 0300 0115 142

(Open Monday to Wednesday
10am to 1pm, term time only).

Website: www.ace-ed.org.uk

Child Benefit Agency

If you need to contact this agency for a copy of your Child Benefit allowance, please give yourself plenty of time before the closing date to get the documents you need.

Address: Child Benefit Office,
PO Box 1, Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
NE88 1AA

Phone: 0300 200 3100

Website:
www.gov.uk/contact-child-benefit-office

Choice advice from the Family Information Service (FIS)

Moving from primary to secondary-phase school can be one of the most difficult times for families and children. The choice adviser is independent of the Admission Team and will be able to:

- offer you help, advice and support in understanding the admissions process when you make an application for your child's secondary-phase school; and
- access information on your behalf and explain how the procedures affect your individual circumstances.

This should make sure you have enough information to help you make a realistic decision about your preferences.

The Family Information Service also provides information and advice to help people make informed choices about finding and paying for childcare, after-school and holiday activities for children and young people, and a range of other extended services in and through schools. It offers professional, impartial information and advice on services for children and young people aged 0 to 19.

Address: The Maples,
80a Gascoigne Road, Barking,
Essex, IG11 7LQ

Phone: 020 8227 5395

E-mail: fis@lbbd.gov.uk

Website: www.lbbd.gov.uk/fis

Council Tax Section

If you live in the borough of Barking and Dagenham and you need a copy of your recent Council Tax bill, please apply in plenty of time before the closing date to get the documents you need.

Address: PO Box 48, RM10 7DE

Phone: 020 8227 2926

E-mail: ctax@lbbd.gov.uk

Website:
www.lbbd.gov.uk/council-tax

Department for Education (DfE)

You can get useful information, such as performance tables and information on the curriculum, on their website.

Phone: 0370 000 2288

Website: www.education.gov.uk

Eaststreet (information shop for young people)

This offers valuable advice, information and support for people in the borough aged 13 to 25.

Address: 20 East Street, Barking,
IG11 8EU

Education and training opportunities from age 14

All pupils must stay in education or training until they are 18.

Year-9 pupils may apply for a place at a university technical college or studio school. Please see page 46 or our website about how to apply for places.

For information, applications and appeals about further education in our schools' sixth forms or colleges, apprenticeships, or employment with training, please contact our 14-19 Careers Guidance & Information Service.

If the child is refused a place in further education, you have the right to appeal. We can accept appeal forms separately from parents and students above 16 years old.

Careers Guidance & Information Service

Barking Learning Centre –

Room G06

2 Town Square Barking IG11 7NB

Monday 9.30am to 5pm

Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm

Dagenham Library –

Either Room 3 or F02

1 Church Elm Lane Dagenham

RM10 9QS

Meeting Room 3

Tuesday 9.30am to 12.30pm

Wednesday 2pm to 5pm

Room F02

Wednesday 9am to 12pm

Thursday 2pm to 5pm

EHC Team

The team works closely with parents, schools, the Community Educational Psychology Service (CEPS) and the Education Inclusion Team. Requests for Special Educational Needs Assessments and placements in mainstream schools or specialist schools (if needed) are carried out by the EHC Team. They also provide advice to parents, school staff and other professionals within the assessment and review process. You can contact the team as follows. If you believe that your child has an EHC plan and the school is name in their EHC plan, please contact this team for school placement. The Admission Team do not allocate schools for pupils with EHC plans.

Email: ehcenquiries@lbbd.gov.uk

Phone: 020 8227 2400

Address: EHC Team,
Town Hall, Barking, Essex,
IG11 7LU

Housing Benefit Service

The service provides free school meals and clothing grants for children who live in Barking and Dagenham.

Free school meals – If you are receiving Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, the guaranteed part of Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit, you can apply for free school meals.

Email: benefits@lbbd.gov.uk

Phone: 020 8227 2970



www.eadmissions.org.uk

If you try to apply online and you cannot see your exact address in the list provided, or the schools you want to apply for are not listed, you must contact the School Admissions Team by 5pm Friday on 31 October 2025, otherwise your application will be late infos@lbbd.gov.uk

Please keep a note of your Application Reference Number ARN as you will be asked for this at various times throughout the school admission process.

The closing date for your online application and the other information we ask for is

31 October 2025

Apply online for a secondary-phase school place now:

www.eadmissions.org.uk



Library services

It costs nothing to join the public library service in Barking and Dagenham. The library service is for all ages and young children are welcome. Children do not have to know how to read to benefit from joining the library. Public libraries offer all sorts of books for children from board books and picture books to books for advanced readers. Toy libraries will be based in the Central Library and several other libraries in the borough. A toy library is a toy equipment and loan service where parents, carers and children can play together and borrow toys. There are also cassettes, CDs, DVDs, videos and free access to the internet. Most libraries have collections of books for parents and carers. They also provide learning activities during school holidays. The School Library Service provides schools with loans of books and audio-visual material.

The addresses for each of our libraries are listed below. The opening and closing times are different for each branch. Phone 020 8724 8725 for details.

Barking Library –

Barking Learning Centre, 2 Town Square, Barking, Essex, IG11 7NB

Dagenham Library –

1 Church Elm Lane, Dagenham, Essex, RM10 9QS

Marks Gate Library –

Marks Gate Community Centre, Rose Lane, Marks Gate, Chadwell Heath, RM6 5NJ

Robert Jeyes Library –

Chadwell Heath Community Centre, High Road, Chadwell Heath, RM6 6AS

Thames View Library –

Sue Bramley Community Centre, Bastable Avenue, Barking, IG11 0LG

Valence Library –

Becontree Avenue, Dagenham, RM8 3HT

Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted)

Ofsted is a government department set up under the Education (Schools) Act 1992. It is responsible for inspecting all schools in England, whether they are funded by the Government or independent. To see the most recent report of a school's inspection, please visit Ofsted's website.

Website: www.ofsted.gov.uk.

Parents in Partnership Service

If your child has special educational needs, you may contact the Parents in Partnership Service (PIPS).

PIPS is part of 'Carers of Barking and Dagenham', which offers information and support to carers. The service is independent from us.

Address: 5 Althorne Way, Dagenham, Essex, RM10 7AX

Email: carers@carerscentre.org.uk

School Attendance Service

Attendance Service Team

This team provides advice, guidance and support to schools, parents, carers and children on how to improve school attendance. Good school attendance is linked to good educational achievement. The service enforces the laws relating to school attendance.

Education Statutory Service Team

This team is responsible for working with families who have decided to educate their child (or children) at home (also known as elective home education or EHE). It is also responsible for locating children who are missing from education (those not enrolled at a school and not EHE). The team issues entertainment licences for children involved in all forms of entertainment, and work permits

for children (between the ages of 13 and 16 only) who are taking up part-time employment. Other responsibilities include protecting the rights of children in care and certain responsibilities related to children who have been reported missing to the police.

Address: Town Hall, Barking, Essex, IG11 7LU.

Phone: 020 8227 2151

E-mail: accessattendance@lbdd.gov.uk

Virtual School

The Local Authorities' Virtual School is for Looked After Children and is committed to working with others to:

- overcome disadvantage;
- provide equal access to learning, and better educational opportunities;
- raise levels of achievement; and
- promote the health, wellbeing and life chances for all children in care.

If you require any information or assistance please contact the virtual school for looked after children. Contact details below.

Address: Town Hall, Barking, Essex, IG11 7LU.

Phone: 020 8227 2691

Email: adminsupport@lbdd.gov.uk

Youth Support and Development Service

This service provides a range of educational and personal development programmes for young people between the ages of 11 and 19.

Address: The VIBE, 195-211 Becontree Avenue, Dagenham, Essex, RM8 2UT

Phone: 020 8227 5891

Notes

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Checklist

The closing date for all forms and information we ask for is

31 October 2025

Please read the checklist below before you return your form.

- ☐ Read the admission process on pages 6 to 28 in this e-booklet.
- ☐ Fill in and submit your Common Application Form (CAF) online. If you try to apply online and you cannot see your exact address in the list presented, or the schools you want to apply for are not listed, you must contact the School Admissions Team by 5pm on Friday 31 October 2025, or your application will be 'late'. **If your application is late, you are not likely to get a place at an oversubscribed school.**
- ☐ Your online application is only valid when you press the 'Submit' button at the end of the 'Submit your application' page. You will then be issued with an application reference number (ARN). The eAdmissions Team will then send you a confirmation email which will include all the details of the application you have just made along with your ARN. Please keep this reference number, you will need to refer to it throughout the Admission process. **In the case of twins, triplets and so on, make sure you have a different ARN for each child.**
- ☐ Please make sure you attach all other forms and documents we ask for. This may be proof that you are the child's guardian, proof of address, or proof that your child is or was in the care of a Local Authority. **Please ensure that you have all the required documents available on request.** You can refer to pages 9-10 that detail the documents that we will ask for.
- ☐ Fill in and return the Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) if you are applying for schools in or outside the borough, if those schools have asked for them.
- ☐ Give all relevant documents that have been asked for directly to the school or LA concerned. **We will not pass on documents on your behalf.**
- ☐ Please make sure you tell us if any of your or your child's details change.

Important Note

If you try to apply online and you cannot see your exact address in the list provided, or if the schools you want to apply for are not listed, you must contact the School Admissions Team by 5pm Friday 31 October 2025
infos@lbbd.gov.uk or 020 8215 3004

Apply Online

eadmissions.org.uk

The closing date for your online application and the other information we ask for is

31 October 2025

Apply online for a secondary-phase school place now:

www.eadmissions.org.uk



London Borough of Barking and Dagenham
Phone. 020 8215 3000

Out of hours emergencies only
Phone. 020 8215 3024
Fax. 020 8227 3470
E-mail. 3000direct@lbbd.gov.uk
Website. www.lbbd.gov.uk

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