Schools & Children's Services

Applying for a Secondary School 2026

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Types of Schools

- **Community** – the Local Authority (elected Councillors) is responsible for deciding the admission arrangements for pupils

- **Foundation** – the School's Governing Body is responsible for deciding the admission arrangements for pupils



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- **Voluntary Aided** - the School's Governing Body is responsible for deciding the admission arrangements for pupils

- **Academies and Free Schools**–publicly funded state schools. The Academy Council or School Governors are responsible for deciding the admission arrangements



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Schools in Enfield

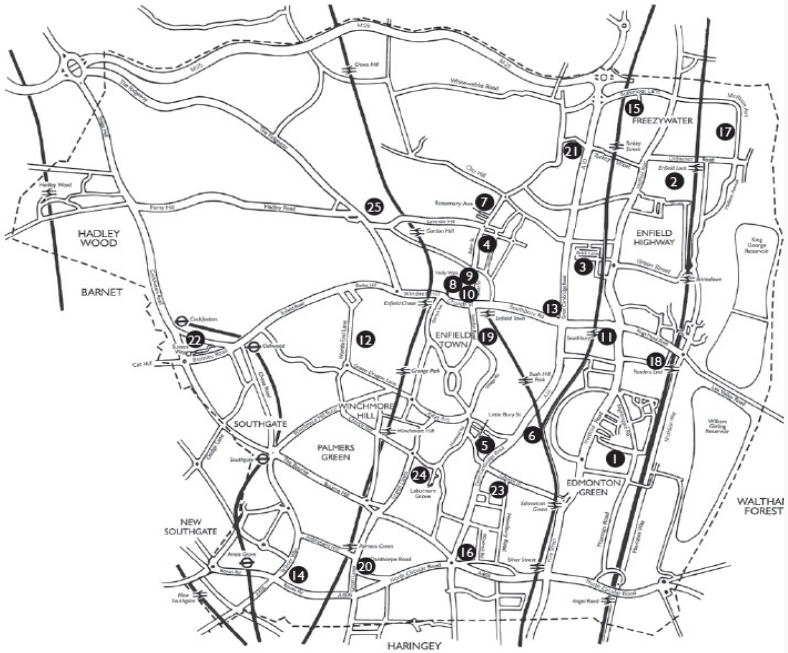
AIM North London (A)
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Highlands (C)
Laurel Park School (F)
Lift Aylward
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St Ignatius College (VA)
Southgate (A)
Winchmore (C)

ARK John Keats (A)
Chace Community (C)
Enfield County School for Girls(C)
Heron Hall Academy (A)
Kingsmead (A)
Lea Valley Academy (A)
Oasis Academy Enfield (A)
St Anne's Catholic High School for Girls (VA)
The Latymer (VA)
Wren Academy, Enfield (A)

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AT A GLANCE

Borough School Map



KEY

1. AIM North London
2. Ark John Keats Academy
3. Bishop Stopford's School
4. Chace Community School
5. Edmonton County – Bury Campus
6. Edmonton County – Cambridge Campus
7. Enfield County – Lower School
8. Enfield County – Upper School
9. Enfield Grammar – Lower School
10. Enfield Grammar – Upper School
11. Heron Hall Academy
12. Highlands School
13. Kingsmead School
14. Laurel Park School
15. Lea Valley Academy
16. Lift Aylward
17. Oasis Academy Enfield
18. Oasis Academy Hadley
19. St. Anne's Enfield Campus
20. St. Anne's Palmers Green Campus
21. St. Ignatius College
22. Southgate School
23. The Latymer School
24. Winchmore School
25. Wren Academy Enfield

School	Headteacher/ Principal	Type of School	Boys/ Girls	Supplementary form required	Date and time of open evening session/s*
AIM North London (1) Turin Road, Edmonton, N9 8DQ	Mr P McGrath	Academy	Mixed	No	Thu 9 Oct, 5pm-7pm
Ark John Keats Academy (2) Bell Lane, Enfield, EN3 5PA	Ms K Marshall	Academy	Mixed	No	Wed 1 Oct, 5.30pm-7pm
Bishop Stopford's School (3) Brick Lane, Enfield, EN1 3PU	Mrs T Day	Voluntary Aided	Mixed	Yes	Tue 23 Sep, 6pm
Chace Community School (4) Churchbury Lane, Enfield, EN1 3HQ	Ms T Douglas	Community	Mixed	No	Mon 22 Sep, 5pm-7.30pm
Edmonton County Bury Campus (5) Little Bury Street, Edmonton, N9 9HZ **Edmonton County Cambridge Campus (6)** Great Cambridge Road, Enfield, EN1 1HQ	Mr P Miller	Academy	Mixed	No	Thu 25 Sep, 5pm-8pm at the Bury Campus
Enfield County Lower School (7) Rosemary Avenue, Enfield, EN2 0SP **Enfield County Upper School (8)** Holly Walk, Enfield, EN2 6QG	Ms J Gumbrell	Community	Girls	No	Mon 6 Oct, 5.30pm-8pm at the Lower School site
Enfield Grammar Lower School (9) Enfield Court, Baker Street, EN1 3EX **Enfield Grammar Upper School (10)** Market Place, Enfield, EN2 6LN	Mr C Lamb	Academy	Boys	For Sport/ Music only	Mon 6 Oct, 5.30pm-8pm at the Upper School site
Heron Hall Academy (11) 46 Queensway, Ponders End, EN3 4SA	Mr A Barzey	Academy	Mixed	No	Mon 29 Sep, 5.30pm-7.30pm
Highlands School (12) Worlds End Lane, Winchmore Hill, N21 1QQ	Mr V McInerney	Community	Mixed	No	Mon 13 Oct, 6pm-9pm
Kingsmead School (13) 196 Southbury Road, Enfield, EN1 1YQ	Mr D Medway	Academy	Mixed	For Art/Drama/ Music only	Thu 18 Sep, 5.30pm
Laurel Park School (14) Wilmer Way, Palmers Green, N14 7HY	Ms A Christofi	Foundation	Mixed	No	Wed 8 Oct, 5pm-8pm
Lea Valley Academy (15) Bullsmoor Lane, Enfield, EN3 6TW	Mr S J Kinson	Academy	Mixed	No	Thu 25 Sep, 5.30pm-8pm
Lift Aylward (16) Windmill Road, Edmonton, N18 1NB	Mr J Lawlor	Academy	Mixed	No	Mon 29 Sep, 4.30pm-7pm
Oasis Academy Enfield (17) 9 Kinetic Crescent, Innova Park, Mollison Avenue, Enfield, EN3 7XH	Mrs E Robinson	Academy	Mixed	No	Tue 30 Sep, 5.30pm-7.30pm
Oasis Academy Hadley (18) South Street, Ponders End, Enfield, EN3 4PX	Mrs Z Thompson	Academy	Mixed	No	Wed 24 Sep, 5.30pm-7.30pm
St Anne's Enfield Campus (19) London Road, Enfield, EN2 6EL **St. Anne's Palmers Green Campus (20)** Oakthorpe Road, Palmers Green, N13 5TY	Mrs E Loveland	Voluntary Aided	Girls	Yes	Mon 29 Sep, 6pm-8pm at the Enfield site
St Ignatius College (21) Turkey Street, Enfield, EN1 4NP	Ms N Socrates	Voluntary Aided	Boys	Yes	Tue 16 Sep, 5.30pm-8pm
Southgate School (22) Sussex Way, Cockfosters, EN4 0BL	Mr S Olusanya	Academy	Mixed	No	Thu 2 Oct, 5pm-7pm
The Latymer School (23) Haselbury Road, Edmonton, N9 9TN	Mr J Gilford	Voluntary Aided / Selective	Mixed	Yes	Check the school website for further information
Winchmore School (24) Laburnum Grove, Winchmore Hill, N21 3HS	Mr J Owen	Community	Mixed	No	Wed 24 Sep, 6pm
Wren Academy Enfield (25) 3 Chace Village Road, Enfield, EN2 8GH	Mr E Hussein	Academy	Mixed	No	Mon 15 Sep, 5.30pm-8pm

*Please check school's website for further information and to check if you need to register to attend.

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Admission Criteria

- Rules used to decide which children are offered places when there are more applications than places available.

- Rules may differ between local authorities and types of schools.

- Check school and local authority websites in case there are any changes to the information in LA booklets



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Community School Admission Criteria (summary - see booklet for full details)



- EHCP
- Children in public care or previously adopted
- Children for whom a particular school is appropriate on exceptional medical grounds
- Children with a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission (living at the same address)
- Children of members of staff
- Children living nearest to the school measured as the “crow flies”

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Exceptions

- Chace Community – priority zone for nominated roads

- Enfield County School for Girls has a quota system of allocation



Full details in *"Your Guide to Secondary Schools in Enfield 2026 " brochure available online from September 2025.*

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Partially or Fully Selective Schools

- Selective schools will test children before the closing date for applications.
- Children must be registered directly with the schools to be entered for the relevant selective tests/trials/auditions
- Schools will let parents have the results of the tests/trial/audition before the closing date for the Borough application.

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What can Enfield parents expect?

- One local authority application for all maintained schools (community, foundation, voluntary aided, free school and academy) regardless of where the school is located
- National closing date for the submission of forms – 31st October 2025
- 6 preferences allowed in London (Hertfordshire will only accept four Hertfordshire schools – don't include more)
- Equal consideration given to each school asked for; E.G a 6th preference is ranked higher than a 1st preference if you live closer and it comes to distance criteria.

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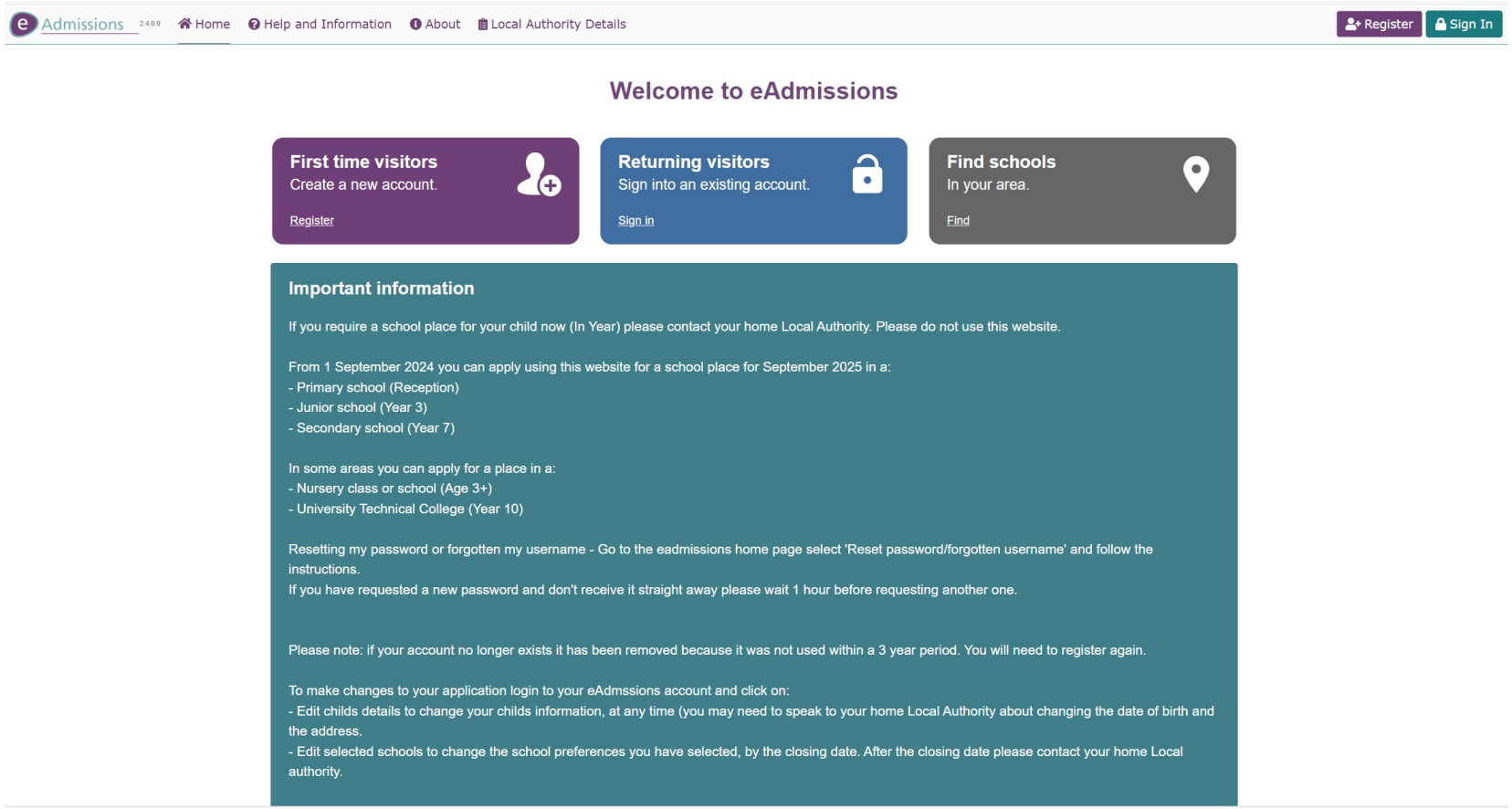
What can Enfield parents expect?

- We will apply for schools outside the area on your behalf.
- We can only accept late applications or changes of preference after the deadline in exceptional circumstances
- If your child is eligible for more than one school, your preference order will be used to decide the final offer
- Single offer emailed on 2nd March 2026



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How to apply - www.edmissions.org.uk



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Online Applications

- It is quick and easy to do – just register and follow the instructions
- You will get an email confirmation once you submit your application
- The online system checks that you are completing all the right sections of the application
- The online system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until midnight on the closing date



- You can get your result on the evening of 2 March 2026 and then either accept and decline your offer online

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Making your application

Make sure you tell us…



- If the child is looked after or adopted?
- If there are brothers or sisters will be attending any of the schools applied for when you start?
- Does a parent work at any of the schools listed on your form?

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Making your application

- Provide supporting documentation with your application if you are asking for medical priority
- Be sure the address you use is the child's usual place of residence. Attach details if not
- Include your council tax reference number in your application.
- Complete any supplementary forms and send them directly to the schools
- Meet all the deadlines



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Enfield Schools - What happened this year

The furthest distance a place was offered for admission in September 2025 on national offer day (3 March 2025).



- ARK John Keats - 0.501 miles
- Edmonton County – 4.557 miles
- Highlands - 0.904 miles
- Kingsmead – 1.144 miles
- Southgate – 3.153 miles
- Winchmore – 0.727 miles

Please see the information booklet for further details on historical distances

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Things to remember…



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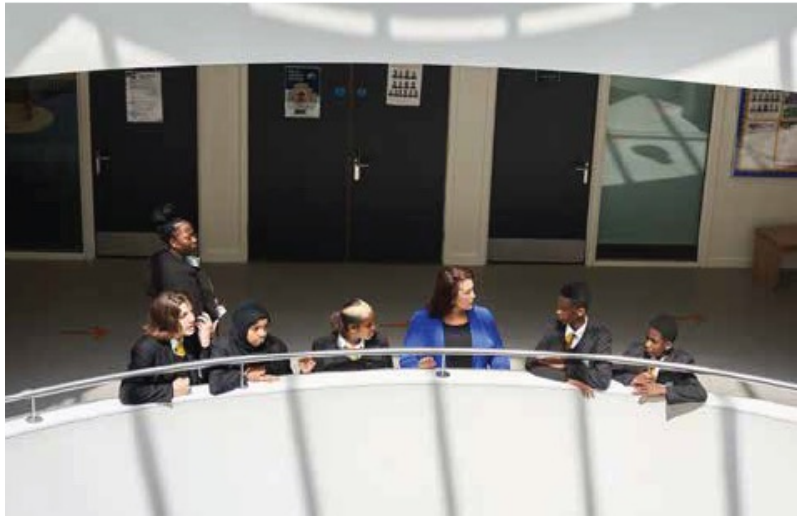
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- Find out more about all the schools you are interested in, especially those in your local area.
- Check out school websites for up-to-date information about opportunities to visit – open evenings are planned but schools may have to make changes at short notice.
- Look at the previous years admissions data and criteria.
- Distance counts for many schools and will often be a deciding factor if there are more applications than places available.

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Things to remember

- If you are considering schools outside Enfield, look at other authority websites for details as it may be different to Enfield's



- Check if you need to complete a supplementary information form

- Complete all applications in full

- Nominating only one school will not improve your chance of getting a place. Nor will putting the same school multiple times – if you do this your application will only be considered after all other application have been processes

- Be aspirational but also realistic

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Things to remember

- Make an informed decision. Consider first hand, accurate and up to date information
- Speak to your child's primary school
- Be realistic.



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Why choose a school in Enfield

We asked the Head of our School Improvement Service why parents should choose a school in Enfield, we were advised that:

- There are 21 amazing maintained secondary schools in the Enfield.
- There is so much that is excellent about education in the borough. Here are a few examples of how Enfield schools are leading the way.
- 100% of Enfield schools are graded as good or better by Ofsted.
- We are trailing some cutting-edge work with AI in our schools.

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Why choose a school in Enfield - continued

- Work from some Enfield schools has been highlighted nationally – both work done by teachers and work in support from the Education Service.
- We support schools in sharing good practice.
- Enfield Music Service support children and young people.
- Enfield High Achievers Event celebrates the best academic outcomes of pupils in Year 11



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Any questions?

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