



Starting School 2012



Choosing a school

- How do I know which school is right for my child?
- Who can help me make that decision?



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- **Talk to your child**
 - **find out what is best for them**
 - **consider how they will travel to school**



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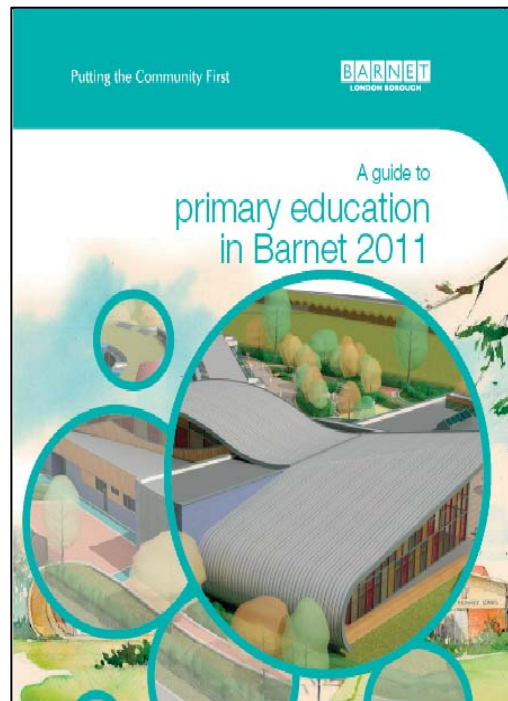
- **Visit the schools**
 - **talk to the headteacher & staff**
 - **talk to the pupils**

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- **Read the school prospectus**
 - it will have detailed information about:
 - how the school is run
 - the admissions criteria
 - available from the school
 - download from the school website

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- Read the primary education booklet published by your home local authority



- ❑ the 2012 booklet will be available in November
- ❑ download Barnet's booklet at www.barnet.gov.uk/schools-primary

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- **Talk to the Admissions Team**
 - the team can offer you advice and answer your questions
 - how do I contact them?
 - tel: 020 8359 7651
 - email: school.admissions@barnet.gov.uk
 - if you live outside Barnet, you will find the contact details for your admissions team in Barnet's primary education booklet

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- **Look at exam results and Ofsted reports**
 - the latest Ofsted reports are available from the Ofsted website www.ofsted.gov.uk
 - achievement and attainment tables are available at www.education.gov.uk/performance/tables



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- **Look carefully at the admission criteria for each school**
 - **siblings**
 - **faith criteria**
 - **distance**

Cut-off Distances April 2011

Name of School	Inside priority area	Outside priority area	Name of School	Inside priority area	Outside priority area
Barnfield	0.509	None	Goldbeaters	N/A	0.519
Bell Lane Primary School	N/A	N/A	Grasvenor Avenue Infant	N/A	N/A
Broadfields Primary	N/A	N/A	Holly Park	N/A	0.444
Brookland Infant	N/A	0.193	Livingstone	0.242	None
Brunswick Park	N/A	N/A	Manorside	N/A	0.554
Chalgrove Primary School	N/A	1.136	Martin Primary School	0.285	None
Childs Hill	0.211	None	Monkfrith	0.351	None
Church Hill	0.291	None	Moss HN/A Infant	0.640	None
Claremont Primary School	N/A	N/A	Northside	0.287	None
Colindale	N/A	N/A	Orion	N/A	None
Coppetts Wood	0.224	None	Parkfield	N/A	N/A
Courtland	0.944	None	Queenswell Infant	N/A	N/A
Cromer Road	N/A	N/A	Summerside	N/A	N/A
Danegrove	N/A	N/A	Sunnyfields	N/A	None
Deansbrook Infant	0.430	None	The Hyde	N/A	N/A
Dollis Infant	N/A	N/A	Tudor	N/A	N/A
Edgware Infant	N/A	1.099	Underhill Infant	N/A	N/A
Fairway	0.366	None	Wessex Gardens	N/A	0.421
Foulds	N/A	0.439	Whitings Hill	N/A	N/A
Frith Manor	N/A	0.783	Woodcroft	N/A	0.511
Garden Suburb Infant	1.100	None	Woodridge	N/A	N/A

How do I apply?

- How soon can I apply?
 - ❑ the application process begins on 1 September 2012
- Where do I apply?
 - ❑ apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk
- Can I get a paper application form?
 - ❑ if you don't have access to the internet you can get a paper form from the Admissions Team



How do I apply?

- **How many schools can I apply for?**
 - you can apply for up to six schools
 - you will rank the schools in your order of preference
 - it is important to think carefully about the order as you will not be able to change it after the closing date
- **Can I apply to schools outside Barnet?**
 - yes, you must include all your chosen schools, whether inside or outside the borough where you live

How do I apply?

- **Do I need to fill in any other forms?**
 - ❑ all voluntary aided schools and some foundation schools & academies will ask you to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF)
 - ❑ the SIF will ask for additional information, for example
 - faith schools will ask about church attendance and require a priest's reference
 - ❑ Jewish schools will also ask you to complete a a Certificate of Religious Practice (CRP), which must be signed by a Rabbi
 - ❑ SIFs and CRPs must be returned to the individual schools

How do I apply?

- **What else do I need to provide?**
 - **Proof of address**
 - **your permanent address must be used on the application form**
 - **if you have moved in the last two years you will be asked to provide proof of the new address and proof that you have disposed of the previous address**
 - **A copy of your child's birth certificate**

How do I apply?

- **When is the closing date?**
 - 15 January 2012
 - the online system will close at 12 midnight on 15 January

What happens next?

- **Co-ordinated admissions**
 - the admissions process is co-ordinated by all 33 London boroughs
 - application lists are exchanged
 - offer lists are drawn up
 - offer lists are exchanged

What happens next?

- **How will places be allocated?**
 - ❑ if the school is over-subscribed, the admissions criteria will be applied to decide who can be offered a place
 - ❑ each application is considered as if it is equally preferred
 - ❑ your ranking order is not passed to the individual schools

Offers

- **Will I be offered more than one school place?**
 - ❑ **if your child can be offered more than one school, you will be offered the highest rank possible**
 - ❑ **the lower preferences will be withdrawn and offered to other children**
 - ❑ **no child will be offered more than one school**

- **When will I hear?**
 - ❑ **National Offer Day is 18 April 2012**
 - ❑ **online applicants can log in and see the result in the evening of 18 April**
 - ❑ **letters will be posted to all applicants by first class post on 18 April**

- **Accepting offers**
 - **places to be accepted by 02 May 2012**
 - **online applicants can accept or reject their offer online**
 - **other applicants need to return the reply slip**

No Offer?

- **What happens if I don't get any of my preference schools?**
 - ❑ your child will be allocated a place at the nearest school with a vacancy
 - ❑ remain on the waiting lists
 - ❑ appeal for a place



Appeals

- Every parent has the right of appeal
- Appeals are heard by an independent panel
- You will have the opportunity to present your case in person
- You will need to convince the panel that your child's needs are more important than the school's need to limit the admission number
- Infant class sizes must not exceed 30 children
- Infant class appeals are only successful in very limited circumstances



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