

# Secondary School Transition Meeting



FOR CHILDREN STARTING YEAR 7 IN SEPTEMBER 2025

# Aims



Clarify types of secondary schools

Outline of application process

Advice

Support to fill in the form

What to do with an offer

# The Process



**Starting secondary school  
in Southwark 2025/26**

Applications close 31 October 2024

Apply online at  
[www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Everything you need can be found here. If you would like a copy printed out, please let us know.

# The Process



September and October you would normally be visiting schools. This year the majority of schools are doing virtual tours and open days.

Submit **one** form **by** 31st October for any London state school  
<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Applicants who apply on time will receive their child's offer of a school place by email after 5pm on March 1st. This email will also include information on what to do next. Applicants can also view the outcome of their application during the evening at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

**Please note: This is for pupils who DO NOT have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) as such pupils' applications are dealt with via the SEND Team.**

# Application Process



- Complete one form from home borough
- Apply for up to 6 schools in any borough
- Rank the schools in order of preference
- Applications are passed between boroughs

# What the procedure cannot do!



It cannot guarantee every child a school place on 1st March 2025.

It cannot guarantee each child will get a place at their first preference school.

# Admission Process



If the number of applications are greater than places available:  
Schools follow a similar admission criteria:

1. Special need (EHCP) and children in care - documents need to be attached with application to support this criterion. No documents provided with application then the child will not be considered under this criteria.
2. Siblings (on roll)
3. Exceptional medical/social need –
4. Children of staff (Not every school has this category)
5. Distance to school (straight line measure) – except Kingsdale

Make sure you have read each school criteria and meet the criteria for the schools they are applying for/ make realistic choices.

# Schools Admission Guide



- **Charter East Dulwich** has increased the number of places offered to 240. The places are allocated to children with an EHCP, looked after children siblings and then other children living closest to the school by the shortest straight-line measurement. Year 7 Open Evening for 2025-26 admissions Thursday 26 September 2024, 4-7pm. You'll need to book a place online.
- **Kingsdale Foundation School** - we are lucky enough to have them here so they will discuss admissions for 2025-26





- **Harris Boys' Academy**, we are lucky enough to have them here so they will discuss admissions for 2025-26
- **Harris Girls' Academy**, we are lucky enough to have them here so they will discuss admissions for 2025-26

# Questions



● Do I have to accept the school I have been allocated?

Yes. You will need to accept the place. You will go on the waiting list for the other schools higher on your waiting list. There is also then the process of appeal.

# FAQ



## ● Do you automatically go on the waiting list for a school higher up on your list?

Yes you automatically go on all waiting lists and will remain there until the 1st of September unless you accept a place at a higher ranked school. On the 1st of September, waiting lists get transferred to the individual schools who will then be administering them. They make ask you if you wish to remain on the waiting list at this point.



If you require any help or would like support with the process, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.