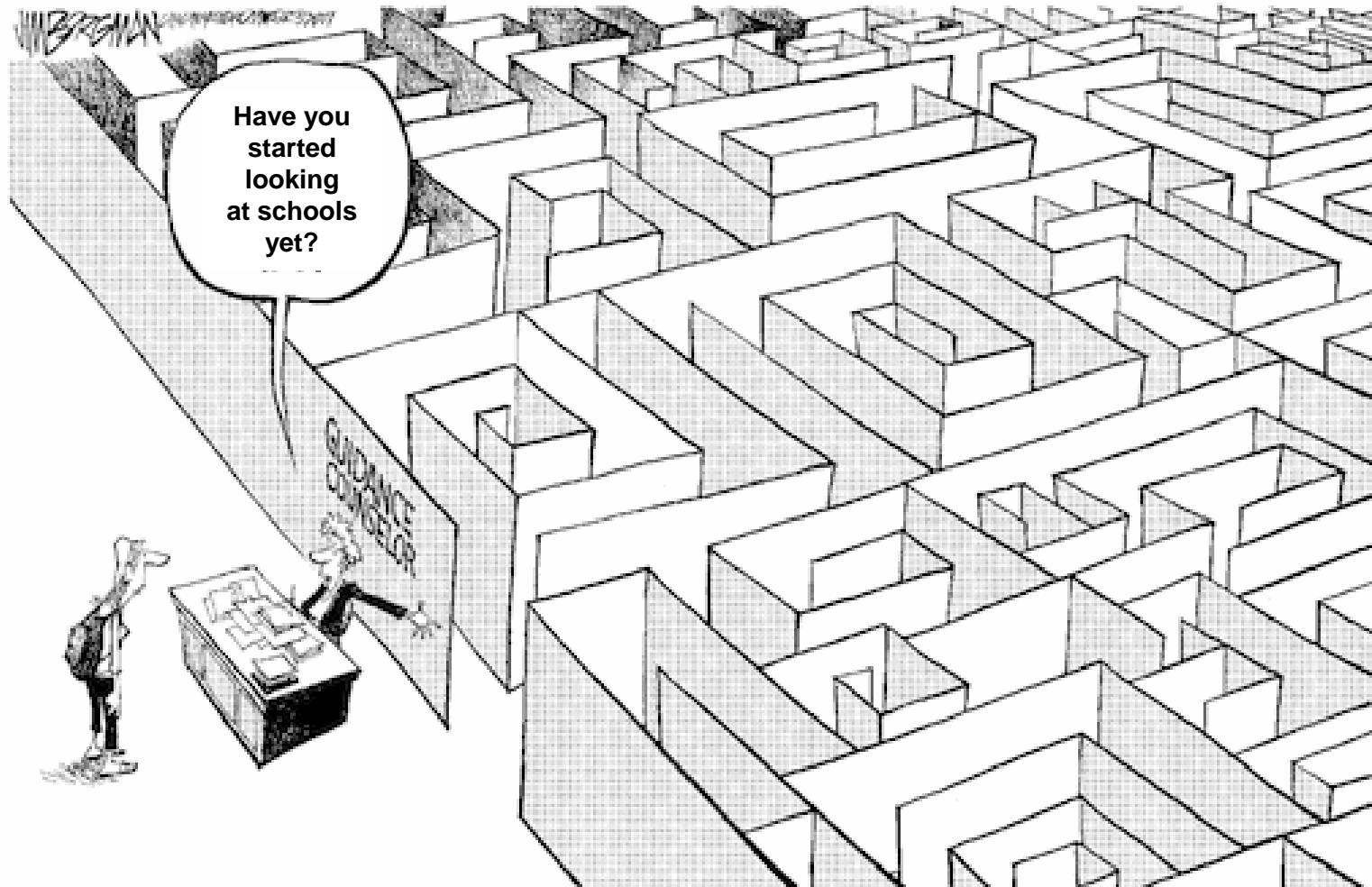


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St Catherine's Primary School

Choosing a school



Choosing a school



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



Choosing a school

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



Choosing a school

- **Visit the schools**
 - talk to the headteacher & staff
 - talk to the pupils
 - ... however, this may not be possible if social distancing measures are still in place

Choosing a school

- **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



School Prospectus



Choosing a school

- You can also find details of Barnet primary schools in the Schools Directory at www.barnet.gov.uk/directories/schools

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Schools

Find by postcode [Find by keyword](#)

Find Schools closest to you.

Enter postcode

Select distance

Within 1 mile



Search



Choosing a school

- **Talk to the Admissions Team Customer Contact Centre**

- 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





Choosing a school

- 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.gov.uk/school-performance-tables

Choosing a school

- Look carefully at the admission criteria for each school
 - ❑ siblings
 - ❑ children of staff
 - ❑ faith criteria
 - ❑ distance





Cut-off Distances

Community Primary Schools April 2020

Name of School	Inside priority area	Outside priority area	Name of School	Inside priority area	Outside priority area
Barnfield	All	0.283	Goldbeaters	0.521	None
Bell Lane Primary School	All	All	Holly Park	All	0.435
Brookland Infant	All	0.972	Livingstone	0.312	None
Brunswick Park	All	0.691	Manorside	0.308	None
Chalgrove	All	1.339	Martin Primary School	All	1.054
Church Hill	All	1.176	Monkfrith	All	0.472
Colindale	All	0.548	Moss Hall Infant	All	0.872
Coppetts Wood	0.456	None	Northside	0.2	None
Courtland	All	0.171	Orion	All	0.507
Cromer Road	0.802	None	Queenswell Infant	All	All
Danegrove	0.86	None	Sunnyfields	All	0.633
Deansbrook Infant	All	All	Tudor	All	All
Dollis Infant	All	All	Underhill Infant	All	All
Edgware Primary	All	All	Wessex Gardens	All	All
Fairway	All	2.14	Whitings Hill	0.532	None
Foulds	All	0.401	Woodcroft	All	All
Frith Manor	All	All	Woodridge	All	0.754
Garden Suburb Infant	All	All			



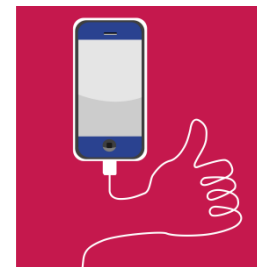
Choosing a school

- **Check the admission limit**
 - ❑ each school has a set number of places available
 - ❑ this means some schools only have one form of entry
 - ❑ larger schools have 3 or 4 forms of entry

How do I apply?



- **How soon can I apply?**
 - ❑ the application system opened on 1 September 2020
- **Where do I apply?**
 - ❑ apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk
- **What if I don't have a computer at home?**
 - ❑ You can:
 - ❑ use your smart phone or tablet
 - ❑ go to your local library
 - ❑ go to an internet café
 - ❑ ask a friend or relative for help





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?

■ Realistic Preferences

- if you only list one school, it will not increase your chances of getting a place at the school and your child will be considered for that one school only
- if this is unsuccessful, you may miss out on an offer which could have been made at another school and you are likely to be offered a place at the nearest school with a vacancy
- it is important to make realistic school choices to increase your chances of securing an offer and to avoid disappointment
- it is important to check how places were offered last year
- remember the cut-off distances are just a guide and will change every year.....
-just because you live nearer to the school than the last child offered a distance place last year, it doesn't mean your child is guaranteed a place

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 request a priest's reference
 - ❑ Catholic schools may ask for a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP)
 - ❑ Jewish schools will also ask you to complete a Certificate of Religious Practice (CRP), which must be signed by a Rabbi
 - ❑ **This year the rules are being relaxed due to the closure of churches, synagogues and other places of worship as a result of COVID-19**
 - ❑ SIFs, CCPs 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
 - you must not use a temporary address or an address of convenience, this include a child minder's address, a business address or the address of a relative or friend
 - if you own a property previously used as a home address and apply from another address, the second address will be treated as an address of convenience
 - 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**

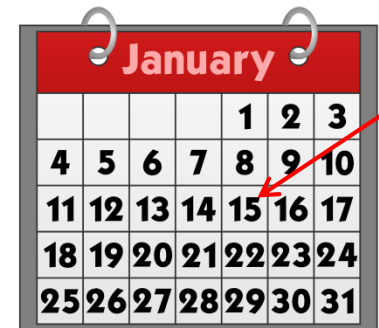


Fraudulent addresses

- ❑ each year a small number of parents provide a false address to get a school place
- ❑ in doing so they could be depriving your child of a place
- ❑ providing false information is a criminal offence
- ❑ if you know someone who intends to use a false address, you can report this in confidence to the Corporate Anti-Fraud Team
- ❑ report it online at www.barnet.gov.uk/anti-fraud
- ❑ call the fraud hotline on 020 8359 2007

How do I apply?

- **When is the closing date?**
 - ❑ **15 January 2021**
 - ❑ **the online system will close at 12 midnight on 15 January**



How do I apply?

- **What happens if I miss the closing date?**
 - ❑ your application will not be included in the first round of offers
 - ❑ in previous years some siblings did not get a place because their applications were late
 - ❑ some late applications may be treated as on-time if there is an exceptional reason (for example illness or you have just moved into the borough)
 - ❑ You must let the Admissions Team know your reason by **11 February 2021**



What happens next?



■ Co-ordinated admissions

- the admissions process is co-ordinated by all 33 London boroughs and neighbouring counties
- 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



Offers

- **When will I hear?**
 - **National Offer Day is 16 April 2021**
 - **emails will be sent to all applicants in the evening of 16 April**
 - **applicants who are not offered their first choice can log in to their eAdmissions account for further information**



Offers

■ Accepting offers

- log into your eadmissions account and submit your response
- places must be accepted by 30 April 2021

No Offer?



- **What happens if I don't get any of my preference schools?**
 - ❑ where possible your child will be allocated an alternative school
 - ❑ this will normally be 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

....however

Reception class appeals are nearly always unsuccessful....

This is because....

- infant class sizes must not exceed 30 children
- infant class appeals are only successful if you can prove that the local authority or the school has made a mistake

or that

- the decision not to offer a place was not rational or was outrageous in its defiance of logic

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