

Year 6 - Secondary School Workshop



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Key Dates

Date	Activity/action required
Monday 1 September	Online applications open
September/October 2025	Open days and evenings at Hackney secondary schools
October 2025	Cognitive ability tests for children attending Hackney primary schools
Friday 31 October 2025	Closing date for on-time applications
Saturday 22 November 2025 and Saturday 29 November 2025	Cognitive ability tests for children attending primary schools outside Hackney
Monday 8 December 2025	Last date to: explain why your application was late request changes to your application submitted on time provide evidence of a change of address
Monday 2 March 2026	National Offer Day
Monday 16 March 2026	Last date to respond to your offer
September 2026	Children start secondary school

Secondary School Applications

Apply for a secondary school place

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1. Before you apply

This admissions process is for children in Year 6 (born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015) who will start secondary school in September 2026. You should apply by 31 October 2025.

If you have moved to the area or wish to change secondary schools (your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014) you can [apply to change schools 'in-year'](#) and be offered a place to start as quickly as possible. If you want your child to go to a different school, discuss any concerns with your current school. Changing schools can be very disruptive for children.

Secondary school transfer guide

Before you start you might find it useful to read through our secondary transfer guide which contains all of the key information you need to make your applications.

How to apply

Welcome to eAdmissions

First time visitors

Create a new account.



Register

Returning visitors

Sign into an existing account.



Sign in

Find schools

In your area.



Find

Important information

If you require a school place for your child now (In Year) please contact your home Local Authority. Please do not use this website.

From 1 September 2024 you can apply using this website for a school place for September 2025 in a:

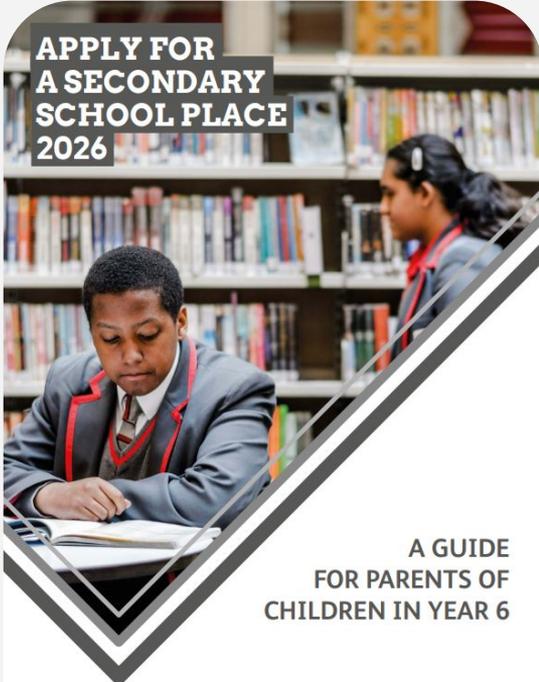
- Primary school (Reception)
- Junior school (Year 3)
- Secondary school (Year 7)

In some areas you can apply for a place in a:

- Nursery class or school (Age 3+)
- University Technical College (Year 10)

Resetting my password or forgotten my username - Go to the eadmissions home page select 'Reset password/forgotten username' and follow the instructions.

If you have requested a new password and don't receive it straight away please wait 1 hour before requesting another one.



**APPLY FOR
A SECONDARY
SCHOOL PLACE
2026**

**A GUIDE
FOR PARENTS OF
CHILDREN IN YEAR 6**

Working for every child

 Hackney

Priority Order

- Looked after children/previously looked after children
- Children with a Child Protection Plan
- Children with exceptional medical or social needs
- Sisters and brothers (siblings)
- Children of staff

PRIORITY APPLICATIONS

Some applicants have higher priority for places according to the admissions criteria of the school. Common priority criteria are outlined below. You should read the admission criteria for your preferred schools online at

education.hackney.gov.uk/secondaryschools

Looked after children/previously looked after children

If you are completing the application for a looked after child or a child who was previously looked after, please tell us on the application form. This includes children who were in state care outside of England but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order.

You must name the council who looks after the child (or previously looked after the child) and provide a letter from the social worker to confirm this. In addition, if the child was adopted or became subject to a child arrangements or special guardianship order you must also provide a copy of the child arrangements order, special guardianship order or proof of adoption from the relevant local authority or country.

Children with a Child Protection Plan

If you are completing the application for a child that is the subject of a Child Protection Plan you must tell us directly by emailing

secondary.transfer@hackney.gov.uk

Children with exceptional medical or social needs

Some schools and academies give priority to children who have an exceptional need to attend a specific school on medical or social grounds. If this is the case with your child you must tick the appropriate box on the online form and provide detailed evidence from a GP, hospital consultant, social worker or any other agency or professional involved with your case.

The evidence must be specifically about your child's medical/social condition, the effects of the condition and why your child needs to attend a particular school. The evidence should also include detailed knowledge of the school in terms of resources and organisation which demonstrate that your child can only attend the specific school and why no other school is suitable. Your own medical needs cannot justify a place at a particular school but you can apply if you can demonstrate that your child has a social need arising from your medical needs.

It is your responsibility to provide evidence to support your claim and this must be submitted with your application by **Friday 31 October 2025**. If you submit evidence after the closing date, it may not be possible to consider it in time for National Offer Day (2 March 2026) but it will be considered for offers made

after this date. If you tick the box on the application form but do not submit evidence, your application will not be considered under this criterion and you will not be reminded to submit evidence.

Not all academies and schools in Hackney give priority on medical or social grounds and you should read the admission criteria for your preferred schools online at education.hackney.gov.uk/secondaryschools

Sisters and brothers (siblings)

Your child will have higher priority if they have an older brother or sister at the school you are applying for. The older child must still be at the school when the younger child starts. You must tell us on the application form by ticking the box and giving the older child's name and date of birth. If your child has more than one brother or sister at the school please provide the details of the youngest brother or sister. If you do not provide this information you may not be given the sibling priority.

Children of staff

Some schools give priority to children of staff working in their school. If you work at a school you are applying for you must indicate this on the application form.

LATE APPLICATIONS

If you submit your application after 31 October 2025 it will be considered late unless there were exceptional reasons that prevented you from applying on time. The last date that exceptional reasons can be considered and agreed is Monday 8 December 2025. After this date your application will be late regardless of the circumstances and will only be considered after all the applications received on time have been dealt with.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND ADVICE

This guide has all the key information you need to make your application. Further detailed information is available online at education.hackney.gov.uk/secondaryguide including:

- Applying from overseas
- Twins, triplets and multiple birth children
- Home-to-school distance
- Moving house
- Changing your preferences

You can also email secondary.transfer@hackney.gov.uk or call **020 8820 7000** for help and advice.

Support is offered online, via email or telephone in the first instance. If you need support in person you can visit the Hackney Service Centre on Tuesday between 9am–12pm or Thursday between 1–4pm.

Considerations - Faith

- Religious schools will ask for extra information about your membership of a particular faith. You will have to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and return it to the school concerned if you want to be given priority under their faith based criteria.
- You can get the supplementary forms directly from any of the schools below or online at education.hackney.gov.uk/secondarieschools

The following religious secondary schools in Hackney will ask you to complete a supplementary form:

- All Saints Catholic High School, Catholic
- Cardinal Pole Catholic School, Catholic
- Lubavitch Senior Girls School, Jewish
- The Urswick School, Church of England
- Yesodey Hatorah Senior Girls School, Jewish

Considerations - SEND

- There is a separate admission process for pupils who have or are due to be issued with an Education, Health and Care Plan before September 2025. If your child has a plan or, having gone through an EHC needs assessment, has been issued with a draft plan by 18th October 2025 then you should not apply through the general admission process. You will get a school preference form to complete from the Education, Health and Care Planning (EHCP) team.

Considerations - distance



DO YOU LIVE CLOSE ENOUGH TO GET A PLACE?

Some schools use home-to-school distance as part of their admission arrangements. You can find out the approximate distance to your preferred schools using the GOV.UK schools finder online at **www.get-information-schools.service.gov.uk**

The distance from home to school of the last child offered a place at Hackney schools from previous years (i.e. the cut-off distance) is available online at **education.hackney.gov.uk/cutoffdistances**

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Remember that although this information can be used to give you an idea of how likely it is that you will be offered a place, the cut-off distance will change every year. We can never guarantee any child will be offered a place at any school.

Note that, in addition to distance, Mossbourne Community Academy also include an element of random allocation (a computerised lottery) to determine who gets a place.

Mythbusting

My child has a right to a place at one of my preferred schools.

Not true! ...your child will only be offered a place if they qualify according to the school's admission criteria. If your child does not qualify for any of your preferred schools (e.g. because your preferences were unrealistic) they will usually be offered a place at the nearest school to your home with a vacancy remaining after all on-time applicants have been offered places.

I don't need to apply because I have an older child already at the school.

Not true! ...everyone must apply for their child even if they have a brother or sister already at the school. Most schools give priority to brothers and sisters but if you don't apply you could miss out on a place.

If I list only one school then I have to be offered a place.

Not true! ...listing only one school does not increase your child's chances of being offered a place. You are strongly advised to include your nearest schools amongst your preferences.

I live nearer to the school than the last child offered under the distance criterion last year so I'm guaranteed a place.

Not true! ...the home-to-school distance of the last child offered a place will change every year. The information about offers for each school in previous years is available online at [education.hackney.gov.uk/cutoffdistances](https://www.education.hackney.gov.uk/cutoffdistances)
This information is a guide only and no child is guaranteed a place at any school.

Mythbusting

Children in my road go to the school so my child will too.

Not always ...the number of pupils offered under each criterion at each school can change every year. Just because you know pupils living near you that go to a certain school, it does not mean that your child will be offered a place there.

If I apply to a school in another borough, their residents will have priority over me.

Not always! Some admission authorities may give priority to local children, i.e. based on postcode, however published admissions criteria cannot include the borough of residence. You should read the admission arrangements to see how children are prioritised for a place.

It does not matter if my application is late.

It matters! ...If you apply after 31 October 2024, we will look at your application after all those that applied on time have been processed. In this case it is very unlikely that you will be offered a place at a popular school.

I can only apply for Hackney schools.

Not true! ...you can apply for both Hackney and out of borough schools by listing them on the Hackney application form.

Links

- [Hackney Secondary Information](#)
- [Hackney Schools List](#)
- [eAdmissions](#)



Questions?