

TRANSITION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Our Voice



Welcome to this Zoom Information Session.

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- If you want to ask a question, you can type it into the chat at any time
- If you have a question that has not been answered during the presentation, you can use the 'hand up' button on screen and we will answer your questions after the presentation
- We will send you the resources after the session, including any questions and answers from the session

AIMS OF THE SESSION

- Provide information on how to look for a school for your child and signpost you to all the relevant information available, so that you can make informed decisions
- Provide information on mainstream and specialist settings and schools in Enfield
- Explain the online application process
- Explain how primary schools support children with additional needs
- Explain the application process for children who have Education health and Care Plans (EHCP's)

What does transition mean?

Starting school for the first time or changing from one phase of education to another



Finding out about schools in Enfield

- Enfield School Admissions Service website
- **Primary School booklet** – information on all schools in Enfield with telephone numbers and email addresses

and

- Information on the online application process and answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ's)
- All school websites have information on school visits, school tours (virtual in some schools) and open mornings/evenings.

Enfield Primary Schools booklet

Applying for a Primary School in Enfield Information for Parents

September 2024



Apply online at
www.eadmissions.org.uk

www.enfield.gov.uk/admissions



How do schools give information to new parents?



Check on the **websites** of all the schools you are interested in



Read the School's admissions policy on the school website



Ofsted Reports will be available on every school website



Details of open days and times parents can have a tour of the school etc.



Schools may have a virtual Parent Tour and Video



Applying for a school place

If your child is attending a nursery attached to a school, you will need to apply online for a school place – attendance at the nursery does not guarantee a place in the school



Applications – key dates – from primary school booklet

- **15th January**: Closing date for submission of applications
- **16th April**: Offer of school places
- **30th April 2024**: Deadline to accept the school place offered

Allocation of school places

- You will receive one offer of a school place regardless of the number of schools you have asked your child to be considered for
- If you have not been offered a place at a school of your preference, or you would prefer your child to attend an alternative school, you will be given information about waiting lists and appeals procedures.
- Your child's name will automatically be included on the waiting list for any Enfield school that was ranked as a *higher preference* than the school allocated

Sharing information with the school

- School staff may visit families at home before your child starts school or have a telephone conversation with parents
- You can tell the teacher/member of staff about your child's interests as well as any concerns you have about their development, social skills, independence, confidence, language and physical ability
- This can be the starting point of building a good relationship with the school and the school will have a better understanding of your child
- Ask about opportunities for your child to visit the school or watch a video of the classroom setting – there will be information on the schools' websites about what each school offers, so that children feel confident and safe and ready to learn

Child with additional needs – looking at schools

- **Speak** - Speak to the school about your child and give them any extra information you may have – e.g. professional reports
- **Ask** - Ask the SENDCo what kind of support the school can give your child
- **Find out** – Find out how the school communicates with parents and the staff in school so that everybody who works with your child is aware of their support needs



Summer Born Children Delayed Admission to Reception

- Children will normally be admitted to the reception year in the September following their fourth birthday
- If your child was born between 1st April and 31st August, you may wish to delay your child's admission until the following year
- You will need to read the 'summer born guidance' on Enfield Admissions website and then complete the deferral request form for community schools in Enfield
- If you are applying for an academy school place, you will need to contact the individual school(s)
- Each school will be able to explain the provision on offer to children in the Reception Year

Children with medical needs

- You can request for your application to be considered under the Medical Criterion
- You will need to complete the online application form
- You will also need to complete the request for medical priority form
- The information you provide must demonstrate that there is a very specific connection between the child's medical need and the school requested
- You can submit information from professionals

How are children with SEN supported in primary school?

All mainstream schools have the necessary resources allocated to them, specifically to support children with SEND

All schools/ settings have a special educational needs coordinator / disability coordinator (SENDCo)

The SENDCo is responsible for supporting and monitoring children with SEND.

All schools must publish a policy on the school website with information on how they support children with additional needs

The SEND Information Report will have information about how the school will identify, assess and make provision for children and young people with SEN and disabilities

Enfield Local Offer for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

- Enfield's Local Offer provides information about help and support to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and their families.
- The Local Offer has information on how schools in Enfield can support children with SEN
- The Local Offer has information on all Enfield services and organisations who offer support to families
- Enfield SENDIASS gives independent advice and information to parents and can signpost parents to further information and support.

Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

- There are a small number of children with SEND who may require additional support above what a mainstream school can offer
- In these cases, a statutory assessment of their special educational needs may have been carried out or may need to be undertaken to determine whether additional resources are required
- Parents can discuss concerns with the school SENDCo and class teacher who will have information on the progress of your child at school
- Parents can speak to the school about setting targets for their child – details will be available in the SEND Information Report on the school website

Key dates if your child has an EHCP

- The allocation of school places for children with EHCPs will be managed by SEN services and parents do not complete the online application form
- SEN will write to parents and ask them to return the preference form with the name(s) of their preferred school(s) by 30th November 2023
- The LA will then consult with your preferred school(s) and also will consult with your local primary school
- Parents will be informed of the name of the school the LA is proposing to name in Section I of the EHCP on 15th February 2024
- If your child has an EHCP and you have further questions please speak with your SEND Case Coordinator

Schools in Enfield with Specialist Provision

- Where children have been identified as needing more support than can be provided in a mainstream classroom and have an EHCP, they may be offered a place in a Local Authority Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP) or Designated Unit
- ARPs have smaller class sizes and are part of a mainstream school, allowing up to 50% integration with mainstream peers.
- Designated Units are “mini special schools” run by a mainstream school and are for pupils for require a higher pupil: adult ratio and additional specialist support and access to services.
- Places in Local Authority ARPs and Units are allocated by Enfield SEN Services

ARPs & Units in Enfield

The following schools have additionally resourced provision (ARP) or a designated unit attached to the mainstream school:

- Brimsdown (Deaf Resource Base),
 - Chesterfield
 - Eastfield
 - Eldon
 - Firs Farm
 - Galliard
 - Highfield
 - Raynham
 - Starksfield
- Brimsdown, De Bohun, Fleecefield, Houndsfield and Lavender have specialist Units

These settings have a specialist focus on a range of needs including Autism, hearing impairment and complex needs

Special Schools

Children with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) may attend a special school in Enfield:

- Russet House is a special primary school for children with Autism, with a satellite provision at Suffolk's Primary school for children in Key Stage 2 (age 7-11)
- West Lea School is for pupils with moderate or severe learning difficulties
- Waverley School is for pupils with profound and moderate learning difficulties. They also have an Early Years and KS1 (age 5-7) provision for children with Autism at their Bell Lane satellite provision

Links to information on application process

Enfield primary school booklet: [Applying for a primary school in Enfield](#)

Enfield School Admissions website:

[School admissions applications · Enfield Council](#)

Step by Step Guide to completing online application: [step-by-step guide to applying online \(PDF, 292.84 KB\)](#)

Summer born children and deferred entry: [Summer born guidance 2024-25 Academic Year \(enfield.gov.uk\)](#)

Deferral Request Form: [deferral request form \(PDF, 119.33 KB\)](#)

Requesting a school place under medical criterion: [medical priority guidance and application form \(PDF, 142.63 KB\)](#)

SEND information

- Enfield Local Offer: [Enfield's local offer for SEND | Enfield Council](#)
- Enfield Sendiass – email address: sendiassenfield@centre404.org.uk ,
Phone line: 07494 280 063
- Mainstream schools with specialist provision: [Schools and specialist provision | Enfield Council](#)
- Contact – for families with children who have special educational needs and disabilities: [Contact: the charity for families with disabled children](#)
- Enfield Advisory Service for autism(EASA): [Enfield Advisory Service for Autism - Home \(enfieldasa.org.uk\)](#)
- BBC Bitesize – starting school if child has SEND: [Starting primary school with SEND - BBC Bitesize](#)