Transfer to Secondary School 2023-2024

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

Talk to your child

- Find out what they want
- Consider how they will travel to school
- Know your child's ability

Visit the schools

- Go to the open evenings
- Talk to the teachers
- Talk to the pupil

When are the open evenings?

• In September on the schools' website and also given out to pupils on the last week

Read the school prospectus

- It will have detailed information about:
 - How the school is run
 - Which subjects are taught
 - The admissions criteria
- Available at the Open Evening
- Download from the school website

Read the secondary education booklet published by your home local authority

- The 2023 booklet will be available at the beginning of September
- Information at
- https://www.harrow.gov.uk/downloads/file/30808/Secondary_Schools_Guide_2023_2024_130922b.pdf
- http://www.harow.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Look at exam results and Ofsted reports

- The latest Ofsted reports are available from the Ofsted website <u>www.ofsted.gov.uk</u>
- Achievement and attainment tables are available at <u>www.education.gov.uk/performancetables</u>

Look carefully at the admissions criteria for each school

- Faith criteria
- Siblings
- Distance

Cut off distances 1 March 2023

NAME OF SCHOOL	CUT OFF DISTANCE (miles)
Avanti House	0.47
Bentley Wood	1.64
Canons High	N/A
Harrow High	N/A
Hatch End	N/A
Nower Hill	0.99
Park High	1.01
Rooks Heath	N/A
Whitmore	0.62
Whitefriars School	0.62
Pinner High	0.55

How soon can I apply?

• The application process begins September 2023

Where do I apply?

 Apply online <u>www.eadmissions.org.uk</u> or contact Harrow Council

How many schools can I apply for?

- You can apply for up to six schools
- You will rank the schools in 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 Harrow?

• Yes, you must include all of your chosen schools, whether inside or outside the borough where you live

Do I need to complete any other forms?

- All voluntary aided schools and some academies will ask you to complete another form
- It will ask for additional information, for example
 - Faith schools will ask for church attendance and require a priest's reference
 - Selective schools (not in Harrow) will ask about any medical conditions that needs to be taken into account at the test and may also require a photograph
- These must be returned to the individual schools

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 and proof that you have disposed of the previous address

When is the closing date?

- 31st October 2023
- The online system will close at 12 midnight online

Co-ordinated admissions

- The transfer process is co-ordinated by all 33 London Boroughs
- Application lists are exchanged
- Offer lists are drawn up
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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 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 preference will be withdrawn and offered to other children
- No child will be offered more than one school

Offers

When will I hear?

- 1 September 2023
- 31 October 2023
- 1 March 2024

- Application for secondary school opens
- Closing date for applications
- Receive outcome of your application

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 list
- Appeal for a place

Appeals

- Every parent has the right to appeal
- Appeals are heard by an independent panel
- You have the opportunity to present your case in person
- You need to convince the panel that your child's needs are more important than the school's need to limit the admissions number
- Appeals are not usually successful unless there are exceptional circumstances

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Any questions?