

Year 7 Application Guidance

Before you apply:

- [check the local authority for where you live](#)
 - your application will come to us if you live in Hounslow - the location of the schools you want to apply to doesn't matter
 - if you live in a different borough, visit their website for school admissions information
- check the [application timetable](#)
- read about [how the admissions process works](#)
- see a [list and map of secondary schools in Hounslow](#)
- read information about secondary schools in Hounslow: [Secondary school transfer in Hounslow in September 2027 \(PDF\)](#)
- consider attending a school open evening: [School open evening schedule 2026 \(PDF\)](#)
- consider [how Year 7 places were allocated in previous years](#)
- check to see if you need to complete a [supplementary information form](#) in addition to your main application
- know what to do [when you receive an offer](#)

How the admissions process works

You can apply for six schools in order of preference.

We strongly recommend you use all six preferences. If you only list one school, this does not mean you will definitely get a place.

Schools do not know where they are in your list of preferences. We ask the admission authority of each school you have listed if they can give your child a place.

If more than one school can give your child a place, you will be given a place at the school that is listed highest in your order. Any lower preference will be withdrawn from your application.

If none of the schools you have listed can give your child a place, we will find a place at any school that still has vacancies after all the applications have been considered. This might be a school you did not consider and could be some distance away from your home.

This is why the more schools you list, the more chances you have of being offered a school you want.

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Admission criteria

All schools are required to set their admission criteria by the Department for Education. The admission criteria are how they decide who they can give their school places to.

Each school has different criteria. There are often criteria that come before the distance between your home and the school. For example, if the child:

- is in the care of the local authority
- has an exceptional medical need
- has a sibling who already attends the school
- has a parent who is a teacher at the school
- practices a certain faith

Other personal circumstances, such as childcare or transport arrangements, cannot be considered.

Your application will be ranked in one criterion only. You should check the admission criteria for the schools you are interested in.

You can read more information about the admissions process in our brochure:

- [Secondary school transfer in Hounslow in September 2027 \(PDF\)](#)

Proof of address

You need to provide suitable proof of address when you apply.

See: [School admissions: Proof of address](#)

Supplementary information forms

Some schools require you to complete a supplementary information form (SIF) alongside your main application.

You can see a list of schools that require a SIF and where to find it:

- [Supplementary information forms for secondary school admissions](#)

When you receive an offer

You will receive an offer in the evening of Monday 1 March 2027 if you made your application before the deadline at midnight on Saturday 31 October 2026.

You need to accept this offer before the deadline on Monday 15 March 2027.

More information: [Year 7 secondary school place offer](#)

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