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Kensington and Chelsea

Secondary Transfer Process 2026



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Introduction

Choosing a secondary school is a big decision for you and your child. This slideshow highlights the main points and key dates that you need to be aware of.

Last year, a small percentage of Royal Borough applicants were not offered one of their preferred schools, so it is extremely important to research your school options before submitting an application.

Information about how places will be allocated can be found in the Secondary School brochure, available from your child's primary school, or through the [borough website](#). We also recommend visiting the schools on the open days/evenings that they have arranged to find out how likely it is for your child to be offered a place.

At any point in the process you can contact the Admissions Team for advice;
Tel: 020 7745 6432 Email: school.admissions@rbkc.gov.uk

Dates for school visits:

Kensington Aldridge Academy:

Thursday 18th September (5pm to 8pm)

Friday 26th September (9.30 to 10.30am)

Monday 29th September (9.30 to 10.30am)

Tuesday 30th September (9.30 to 10.30am)

St Thomas More Language College:

Wednesday 17th September (4 - 6pm)

Thursday 25th September (4-6pm)

Wednesday 8th October (4-6pm)

Dates for school visits:

All Saints Catholic College:

Tuesday 9th September (3.30pm to 7pm)

Cardinal Vaughan:

Thursday 11th and Tuesday 16th September (4.20pm to 9pm)

Chelsea Academy:

Thursday 25th (5pm to 8pm)

Holland Park School:

Open evening:

Wednesday 17th September (5pm - 8pm)

Open mornings:

Friday 17th September (9am - 10.30am)

Monday 22nd September (9am - 10.30am)

A mixed 11-18 Church of England Academy

Please join us for our Year 7 Open Evening

Thursday 25th September 2025 5.00-8.00pm

Academy Tours (for parents/carers only)

Please refer to our website for dates, times and bookings.

For more information visit www.chelsea-academy.org

email admissions@chelsea-academy.org or contact 0207 376 3019

We also offer parents the opportunity to tour the Academy during the school day. Dates and a booking form are on our website at <https://chelsea-academy.org/admissions/open-evenings-and-academy-tours/>

Twyford



Our Admissions process is available on our website here:
<https://twyford.org.uk/attending-our-school/admissions>.

Year 6 into 7 Open Evening - Thursday 18th September 2025

Headteacher Talks will be at 5:30, 6:30 & 7:30 PM. This will be a ticketed event. The online booking system will be published on the school website and will open on Thursday 11th September 2025 at 9:00 AM.

We do request that only parents of Year 6 students book tickets for the head teachers talks however parents with younger children are welcome to attend the school event, have a tour of the school site and meet with students and teachers.

Please be advised Tours will be happening throughout the evening starting at 5:15pm - you do NOT need to book a ticket for the tour. 30 minute tours are guided and will run throughout the evening - please note that all tours end by 7:45pm.

Admissions info for [Twyford](#)

Before you make your application

<p>Are your preferences realistic? Consider how likely it is that your child will be offered a place at your preferred schools.</p>	<p>Read the admissions criteria for each school and look to see which criteria apply to your child. The admissions criteria for RBKC schools are listed in their brochure</p>
<p>Do you live close enough to get a place? Find out your home to school distance. Compare with cut-off distances from last year.</p>	<p>Find the distance to your preferred schools using the Direct Gov schools finder (www.gov.uk/schoolperformance-tables)</p>
<p>Visit schools</p>	<p>Open event details for each local authority schools are available online Check the 'brochure' via link on letter and websites of preferred schools - to find out open mornings</p>
<p>Read Ofsted reports</p>	<p>You can view reports on school websites. All secondary schools in RBKC are 'Good' or 'Outstanding' schools.</p>
<p>How will your child travel to school?</p>	<p>A long journey to school on public transport may not be the best choice for a child.</p>
<p>Talk to your child and other parents</p>	<p>Remember that the right school for your friend's child may not be the right school for your child. Don't judge a school based on what others say – visit the school and see for yourself.</p>



Common Myths

I will receive an offer at my nearest school.

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

I have a better chance of an offer at the schools I place highest on the common application form.

If I list only one school I will get a place there

I have overwhelming medical or social reasons for my choice of school and will therefore get a place.

I can only apply for RBKC schools



Admissions criteria

- Looked after children
- Siblings
- Feeder primary schools - Chelsea Academy - our schools are feeders
- Special medical or social needs
- Proximity to the school
- Specialisms - Capital City (performing arts, sports), Holland Park (art)
- Religious practice - Twyford

Overview of the Process

- If your child was born between 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 they should be applying for a school place for September 2026. The application *must* be submitted by **Friday 31 October 2025**.
- The application is made to the borough in whose administrative area you live (i.e. where you pay your Council Tax).
- You do not need to complete the standard admissions application if your child has an EHC as there is a separate application process - (Special Educational Needs Service).
- You can name up to **6** schools and can apply for schools that are in other boroughs.
- All preferences are treated *equally*. This means that wherever you place a particular school it will be treated the same way as any other applicant for that school. The details regarding where you ranked the preference are *not* shared with the school.
- Your preferences should reflect the schools you most wish your child to receive a place at.

Advantages of the on-line application process

Apply online and save time

We recommend you apply online at **eadmissions**.

You will have the opportunity to express a preference for **up to six** secondary schools, including schools outside the borough. You must list them in order of preference.

This means you should write your first preference (i.e. the school you most want your child to go to) at the top of the list, your second preference below, then continue adding any further preferences you would like to make.

Why apply online?

- It is quick and easy to do.
- You can log back on to change or delete preferences up until 11.59pm on the closing date (ensure you resubmit your application if making changes).
- You are able to attach additional documents.
- You will automatically receive a confirmation email once you submit your application.
- During the evening of **2 March 2026** you will receive an email with the outcome of your application.
- You will be able to accept or decline an offer of a school place online.

The online application process

- The web address is www.eadmissions.org.uk

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

Apply here for a school place for the year starting September 2022. You can apply for a place in:

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

In some areas you can apply for a place in:

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

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Key Dates

From Monday 1 September 2025

You will be able to apply online at: www.eadmissions.org.uk 

Paper applications will be available from the Admissions Team on request.

The *Your choice for secondary education* brochure will be available online from 1 September.

Friday 31 October 2025

Closing date for applications.

If you are applying online, you will have up until 11.59pm on 31 October to submit your application.

If you are applying on a paper form you will need to ensure your application is received by the Admissions Team by 5pm on the closing date.

Monday 2 March 2026

National offer day.

All resident applicants that applied online will receive an email notification **during the evening** if they applied online.

An outcome letter will be posted on Monday 2 March to all those that applied on a paper form and did not provide an email address.



Key Dates

Monday 16 March 2026

Deadline for successful applicants to accept or decline their school offer.

From Tuesday 24 March 2026

Waiting list positions for schools held by the Admissions Team will be available.

Further offers will be made as result of withdrawals and late applications for schools with vacancies from this date.

April 2026

Appeals to be submitted within three weeks of application outcome. Appeals will be heard over June-July.

June/July 2026

Appeals are managed by an independent service and are heard by an independent panel.

Voluntary aided, Academies and Free Schools will also arrange for appeals to be heard before the end of term.



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Banding tests and Supplementary Information Forms

- Some schools will require you to complete an additional form, usually referred to as a Supplementary Information Form (SIF):
 - All Saints Catholic College
 - Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School
 - Chelsea Academy (if applying for a Foundation place)
 - Kensington Aldridge Academy (if applying for a Performing creative arts place)
 - Holland Park School (if applying for a Visual arts aptitude place)
 - St Thomas More Language College
- Some schools require your child to sit a banding test:
 - Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School
 - Holland Park School
 - St Thomas More Language College
- If you apply online you will be notified if there is an additional form to complete or if your child must sit a banding test. You will also find this information on the individual school websites and in the Kensington & Chelsea secondary school brochure.

Your child's address

- The address used must be the **child's permanent home address on 31 October 2025**.
- Do not list an address of a relative or someone who provides temporary care for your child, a business address, a childminder's address or any address other than the child's permanent home address.
- If the family own a property but are living at and apply from a different address, the council will assume that the second address is temporary and that the property that you own is where the child ordinarily lives.

Proof of address

- RBKC does not require proof of address to be sent in with your application.
- Please supply your council tax reference number on the application (e.g. from your bill). If you don't pay council tax directly, please leave this question blank.

Children living at two addresses

- An application can only be processed from one address.
- The application should include the address the child normally lives at for the majority of the school week.

Local school options

Make realistic preferences



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- Consider what your plan would be if you are not offered a preferred school. **Last year there were 35 Kensington & Chelsea residents who were not offered one of their preferred schools.**
- Most of these applicants did not list the maximum number of 6 preferences on their application form.
- Unless you have an extremely high chance of securing a place at your preferred school (for example, there is a sibling attending and this forms part of the schools admission criteria) then *you are strongly advised to list more than one school.*
- **Do not only rely on Ofsted reports to make judgments about schools.** Schools may have changed significantly since the report was produced, and the report only reflects a brief snapshot in time.
- It may be the case that you are not particularly keen on your local school, however you should keep all your options open, and if possible visit the school during its Open Day/Evening.

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Things to be aware of...



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- Kensington Aldridge Academy operates a priority area. However, it does not always offer to everyone living in the priority area. Whilst it can still be listed as a preference, we strongly advise listing additional preferences even if you live close to the school.
- Holland Park School is a popular choice, however the offer distance will typically not extend to applicants residing in the North of Kensington & Chelsea. We strongly advise listing additional preferences.
- The Ark Burlington Danes Academy, and Phoenix Academy (both in Hammersmith & Fulham) can usually offer places to residents applying from the North of Kensington & Chelsea. Both of these schools are run by academy chains behind the extremely popular Ark King Solomon Academy, and Pimlico Academy respectively.
- If you would prefer single-sex education for a girl, please be aware that Fulham Cross Girls' School generally offer places to most Kensington & Chelsea girls who apply, but not always in the far north of the borough. You should also consider schools in other boroughs (e.g. St Claudine's in Brent).

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Things to be aware of...



- If you would prefer single-sex education for a boy, please note that Fulham Boys' School offer some places at random within concentric circles from the school. Marylebone Boys' School offer on straight line distance, and will generally offer places to some Kensington & Chelsea residents.
- If you are interested in Catholic schools please be aware that some schools offer using a random tie-break criterion (e.g. Cardinal Vaughan) and therefore living close to the school will not give you priority. It is worth considering other Catholic schools which offers places to Catholic applicants on the basis of distance (e.g. All Saints Catholic College, and St Thomas More Language College).
- Explore school options outside the borough, particularly in Hammersmith & Fulham, Westminster, and Brent. Fulham Cross Academy Trust (in H&F) now offer to both boys and girls and had availability for Kensington & Chelsea residents last year.



Post-offer process

- If you applied online, you will receive notification of the outcome of your application during the evening of **2 March 2026**.
- You will be required to accept within 14 days by the **16 March 2026**. Online applicants can quickly complete this at www.eadmissions.org.uk.
- You can stay on the waiting list for any higher preference schools that you have not been offered. You also have a right to an independent appeal. Very few appeals are upheld.
- If you are not offered a preferred school you will receive an alternative offer, typically the closest school with availability. You will also receive details of local schools that may still have availability and will be invited to make further preferences if you are unhappy with the school that has been offered. This must be done via the Local Authority where you reside.
- The national offer date is *not* the end of the process. Further offers will go out from **24 March 2026** onwards. Places will become available between March and September and applicants will be contacted and offered places as and when they arise.

School Admissions Team

Email: school.admissions@rbkc.gov.uk

Tel. 020 7745 6432

(9am to 2pm Monday to Friday)

The Kensington & Chelsea admissions team works in partnership with Westminster City Council as a joint service.

Any other questions:



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