

**Pan London
Co-ordinated Admissions System
Reception Entry and Infant to Junior
School Transition
Academic Year 2019/20**

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PAN-LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSION SYSTEM

LB Newham Scheme for Co-ordination of Admissions to Reception and Infant to Junior Transition

Definitions used in the template schemes

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| “the Application Year” | the academic year in which the parent makes an application (i.e. in relation to the academic year of entry, the academic year preceding it). |
| “the Board” | the Pan-London Admissions Executive Board, which is responsible for the Scheme |
| “the Business User Guide (BUG)” | the document issued annually to participating LAs setting out the operational procedures of the Scheme |
| “the Common Application Form” | this is the form that each authority must have under the Regulations for parents to use to express their preferences, set out in rank order |
| “the Equal Preference System” | the model whereby all preferences listed by parents on the Common Application Form are considered under the over-subscription criteria for each school without reference to parental rankings. Where a pupil is eligible to be offered a place at more than one school within an LA, or across more than one participating LA, the rankings are used to determine the single offer by selecting the school ranked highest of those which can offer a place |
| “the Highly Recommended Elements” | the elements of the Template Scheme that are not mandatory but to which subscription is strongly recommended in order to maximise co-ordination and thereby simplify the application process as far as possible |
| “the Home LA” | the LA in which the applicant/parent/carer is resident |
| “the LIAAG Address Verification Register” | the document containing the address verification policy of each participating LA |
| “the Local Admission System (LAS)” | the IT module for administering admissions in each LA and for determining the highest offer both within and between participating LAs |
| “the London E-Admissions Portal” | the common online application system used by the 33 London LAs and Surrey County Council |

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| “the Maintaining LA” | the Local Authority (council) which maintains a school, or within whose area an academy is situated, for which a preference has been expressed |
| “the Mandatory Elements” | those elements of the Template Scheme to which authorities must subscribe in order to be considered as ‘Participating Authorities’ and to benefit from use of the Pan-London Register |
| “the Notification Letter” | the agreed form of letter sent to applicants on the Prescribed Day which communicates any determination granting or refusing admission to a primary or secondary school, which is attached as Schedule 2 |
| “the Prescribed Day” | the day on which outcome letters are posted to parents/carers. 1 March (secondary) in the year following the relevant determination year except that, in any year in which that day is not a working day, the prescribed day shall be the next working day. |
| “the Pan-London Register (PLR)” | the database which will sort and transmit application and outcome data between the LAS of each participating LA |
| “the Pan-London Timetable” | the framework for processing of application and outcome data, which is attached as Schedule 3 |
| “the Participating LA” | any LA that has indicated in the Memorandum of Agreement that they are willing to incorporate, at a minimum, the mandatory elements of the Template LA Scheme presented here. |
| “the Qualifying Scheme” | the scheme which each LA is required to formulate in accordance with The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) Regulations 2012, for co-ordinating arrangements for the admission of children to maintained primary and secondary schools and academies. |

PAN- LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSIONS SYSTEM

LB Newham Scheme for Co-ordination of Admissions to Reception/Junior in 2019/20

Applications

1. Applications from residents of this LB Newham will be made on the LB Newham Common Application Form (CAF). This CAF will include all the fields and information specified in Schedule 1. These will be supplemented by any additional fields and information which are deemed necessary by LB Newham to enable the admission authorities in the LA area to apply their published oversubscription criteria. The LB Newham CAF can be accessed online via LB Newham website or direct via Pan London eAdmissions <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>
2. LB Newham will take all reasonable steps to ensure that every parent/carer who is resident in Newham and has a child in year 2 a maintained infant school (not primary school) either in Newham or any other maintaining LA, or a child due to start reception can access this LB Newham's 'Starting Primary School annual composite prospectus (autumn 2018 edition for September 2019 entry) and apply online or via a paper form. Newham infant, nursery and primary schools will issue a hard copy of the Starting Primary School guide in September each year. Parents/carers who do not live in LB Newham can access via the Newham website <https://www.newham.gov.uk/Documents/Education%20and%20learning/MovingToSecondarySchool.pdf>. Paper copies of the LB Newham's Common Application Form and composite prospectus for those who are unable to apply online can be obtained by calling 0208 430 2000.
3. The admission authorities within LB Newham will not use supplementary information forms except where the information available through the Common Application Form is insufficient for consideration of the application against the published oversubscription criteria. Where supplementary information forms are used by the admissions authorities within LB Newham, the LA will seek to ensure that these only collect information which is required by the published oversubscription criteria, in accordance with paragraph 2.4 of the School Admissions Code 2014.
4. Where supplementary information forms are used by admission authorities in LB Newham, they will be available on LB Newham's website. Such forms will advise parents that they must also complete their home LA's Common Application Form. LB Newham's Starting Primary School composite prospectus and website will indicate which schools in LB Newham require supplementary forms to be completed and where they can be obtained.
5. Where a school in LB Newham receives a supplementary information form, LB Newham will not consider it to be a valid application unless the parent/carer has also

listed the school on their home LA's Common Application Form, in accordance with paragraph 2.3 of the School Admissions Code 2014.

6. Applicants will be able to express a preference for up to six maintained primary schools or academies within and/or outside the Home LA. Additional preferences can be added on request to pupil.services@newham.gov.uk
7. The order of preference given on the Common Application Form will not be revealed to a school within the area of LB Newham to comply with paragraph 1.9 of the School Admissions Code 2014. However, where a parent resident in LB Newham expresses a preference for schools in the area of another LA, the order of preference for that LA's schools will be revealed to that LA in order that it can determine the highest ranked preference in cases where an applicant is eligible for a place at more than one school in that LA's area.
8. LB Newham undertakes to carry out the address verification process set out in its entry in the LIAAG Address Verification Register. This will in all cases include validation of resident applicants against LB Newham's maintained nursery and primary school data and the further investigation of any discrepancy. Where LB Newham is not satisfied as to the validity of an address of an applicant whose preference has been sent to a maintaining LA, it will advise the maintaining LA no later than **11 February 2019**.
9. LB Newham will confirm the status of any resident child for whom it receives a Common Application Form stating s/he is currently or previously a 'Child Looked After' and will provide any evidence requested by the maintaining LA in respect of a preference for a school in its area by **5 February 2019**. The evidence will be obtained from the LA responsible for the child's care arrangements which may not be their current home LA.
10. LB Newham will advise a maintaining LA of the reason for any application which is made in respect of a child resident in the area of LB Newham to be admitted outside of their correct age cohort, and will forward any supporting documentation to the maintaining LA by **5 February 2019**.

Processing

11. Applicants resident within LB Newham must return the Common Application Form, which will be available and able to be submitted on-line, to LB Newham by **15 January 2019**.
12. Application data relating to all preferences for schools in the area of a participating LA, which have been expressed within the terms of LB Newham's scheme, will be uploaded to the PLR by **5 February 2019**. Supplementary information provided with the Common Application Form will be sent to maintaining LAs by the same date.
13. LB Newham's timetable for exchange of application information has been agreed, in consultation with the admission authorities within LB Newham's area as detailed in the Pan-London timetable in Schedule 3A.

14. LB Newham will not process late applications (those received after national closing day) until all on time applications have been offered their places. Those who have applied by the end of March 2019 will still be offered a place on national offer day. In very exceptional circumstances and where supported by the child's school or social worker, late applications maybe considered as on time, with each case decided on its own merits.
15. Where such applications contain preferences for schools in other LAs, LB Newham will forward the details to maintaining LAs via the PLR as they are received. LB Newham will accept late applications which are considered to be on time within the terms of the home LA's scheme.
16. The latest date for the upload to the PLR of late applications which are considered to be on-time within the terms of the home LA's scheme is **11 February 2019**.
17. Where an applicant moves from one participating home LA to another after submitting an on-time application under the terms of the former home LA's scheme, the new home LA will accept the application as on-time up to **11 February 2019**, on the basis that an on-time application already exists within the Pan-London system.
18. LB Newham will participate in the application data checking exercise scheduled between **12 and 26 February 2019** in the Pan-London timetable in Schedule 3B.
19. All preferences for schools within LB Newham will be considered by the relevant admission authorities without reference to rank order to comply with paragraph 1.9 of the School Admissions Code 2014. When the admission authorities within LB Newham have provided a list of applicants in criteria order to LB Newham, LB Newham shall, for each applicant to its schools for whom more than one potential offer is available, use the highest ranked preference to decide which single potential offer to make. [This is the 'Equal Preference System'.]
20. LB Newham will carry out all reasonable checks to ensure that pupil rankings are correctly held in its LAS before uploading data to the PLR.
21. LB Newham will upload the highest potential offer available to an applicant for a maintained school or academy in LB Newham to the PLR by **21 March 2019**. The PLR will transmit the highest potential offer specified by the Maintaining LA to the Home LA.
22. The LAS of LB Newham will eliminate, as a Home LA, all but the highest ranked offer where an applicant has more than one potential offer across Maintaining LAs submitting information within deadline to the PLR. This will involve exchanges of preference outcomes between the LAS and the PLR (in accordance with the iterative timetable published in the Business User Guide) which will continue until notification that a steady state has been achieved, or until **28 March 2019** if this is sooner.
23. LB Newham will not make an additional offer between the end of the iterative process and the **16 April 2019** which may impact on an offer being made by another participating LA.

24. Notwithstanding paragraph 23, if an error is identified within the allocation of places at a maintained school or academy in LB Newham, LB Newham will attempt to manually resolve the allocation to correct the error. Where this impacts on another LA (either as a home or maintaining LA) LB Newham will liaise with that LA to attempt to resolve the correct offer and any multiple offers which might occur. However, if another LA is unable to resolve a multiple offer, or if the impact is too far reaching, LB Newham will accept that the applicant(s) affected might receive a multiple offer.
25. LB Newham will participate in the offer data checking exercise scheduled between **29 March and 10 April 2019** in the Pan-London timetable in Schedule 3B.
26. LB Newham will send a file to the E-Admissions portal with outcomes for all resident applicants who have applied online no later than **11 April 2019**. (33 London LAs & Surrey LA only).

Offers

27. LB Newham will ensure that, if there are places available, each resident applicant who cannot be offered a preference expressed on the Common Application Form receives the offer of an alternative school place in accordance with paragraph 2.11 of the School Admissions Code 2014. The LB Newham will allocate an alternative place at the closest school, within LB Newham, to the child's home that has a suitable place available (using the shortest walking route as calculated by our local GIS route planner and gender here single sex schools have places available).
28. LB Newham will inform all resident applicants of their highest offer of a school place and, where relevant, the reasons why higher preferences were not offered, whether they were for schools in the Home LA or in other participating LAs.
29. LB Newham's outcome letter will include the information set out in Schedule 2.
30. LB Newham will, on **16 April 2019**, send by first class post notification of the outcome to resident applicants. Families who have applied online can access their offer information via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app> All LB Newham residents whose preferences could not be met and an alternative allocation was made will also receive a letter detailing any school with places remaining and information on how they can change their allocation to one of these schools (dependent on supply and demand).
31. LB Newham will provide Newham nursery schools and infant/primary school with nursery classes with destination data of its resident applicants during April 2019 and all other nursery schools by the end of the Summer term 2019.

Post Offer

32. LB Newham will automatically accept places for residents in schools located in Newham but request that residents who want to decline the offer of a place by **30 April 2019**, or within two weeks of the date of any subsequent offer. This date also

applies for residents to accept or decline places in schools offered outside of Newham. Any resident declining an offer must advise what alternative arrangements they have made for their child's education or why they no longer need a place in LB Newham.

33. Where an applicant resident in LB Newham accepts or declines a place in a school maintained by another LA by 30 April 2019, LB Newham will forward the information to the maintaining LA by 7 May 2019. Where such information is received from applicants after **30 April 2019**, LB Newham will pass it to the maintaining LA as it is received.
34. Where a place becomes available in an oversubscribed maintained school or academy in LB Newham's area, it will be offered from a waiting list ordered in accordance with paragraph 2.14 of the School Admissions Code 2014.
35. Where a waiting list is maintained by an admission authority of a maintained school or academy in LB Newham's area, the admission authority will inform LB Newham of a potential offer, in order that the offer may be made by the home LA.
36. When acting as a maintaining LA, LB Newham will inform the home LA, where different, of an offer for a maintained school or Academy in LB Newham's area which can be made to an applicant resident in the home LA's area, in order that the home LA can offer the place.
37. When acting as a maintaining LA, LB Newham and the admission authorities within it, will not inform an applicant resident in another LA that a place can be offered.
38. When acting as a home LA, LB Newham will offer a place at a maintained school or Academy in the area of another LA to an applicant resident in its area, provided that the school is ranked higher on the Common Application Form than any school already offered.
39. When acting as a home LA, when LB Newham is informed by a maintaining LA of an offer which can be made to an applicant resident in LB Newham's area which is ranked lower on the Common Application Form than any school already offered, it will inform the maintaining LA that the offer will not be made.
40. When acting as a home LA, when LB Newham has agreed to a change of preference order for good reason, it will inform any maintaining LA affected by the change. In such cases, paragraphs 36 and 37 shall apply to the revised order of preferences.
41. When acting as a maintaining LA, LB Newham will inform the home LA, where different, of any change to an applicant's offer status as soon as it occurs.
42. When acting as a maintaining LA, LB Newham will accept new applications (including additional preferences) from home LAs for maintained schools and academies in its area.
43. Schools within LB Newham open waiting lists on the 2 March 2019 (day after national offer day). These include all current applicants for the school (including late

applicants) and are organised in accordance with the published oversubscription criteria (not first come first served). New applicants are added to the waiting list in their rightful place within two business days of receipt of the Common Application Form (CAF) if a place cannot be offered. Waiting lists are closed and cleared on the last school of the LB Newham's published term dates in December 2019. An In Year Common Application Form (CAF) will be required to be included on the waiting list for the spring 2019 term which opens on 2nd working day of January 2019.

**PAN-LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSIONS SCHEME
SCHEDULE 1**

**Minimum Content of Common Application Form for Admissions to Year
3 Junior Class and Reception in 2019/20**

Child's details:

Surname
Forename(s)
Middle name(s)
Date of Birth
Gender
Home address
Name of current school
Address of current school (if outside home LA)

Parent's details:

Title
Surname
Forename
Address (if different to child's address)
Telephone Number (Home, Daytime, Mobile)
Email address
Relationship to child

Preference details (x 6 recommended):

Name of school
Address of school
Preference ranking
Local authority in which the school is based

Additional information:

Reasons for Preferences (including any medical or social reasons)
Does the child have an Education, Health and Care Plan Y/N*
Is the child a 'Child Looked After (CLA)'? Y/N
Is the child formerly CLA but now adopted or subject of a 'Child Arrangements Order or 'Special Guardianship Order'? Y/N
If yes, name of responsible local authority
Surname of sibling
Forename of sibling
DOB of sibling
Gender of sibling
Name of school sibling attends

Other:

Signature of parent or guardian
Date of signature

*Where an LA decides not to request this information on the CAF, it must guarantee that no details of a child with an Education, Health and Care Plan will be sent via the PLR.

SCHEDULE 2

Pan London Outcome Letter for Admissions to Year 3 Junior Classes and Reception in 2019/20

From: Home LA

Date: 16 April 2019 (prim)

Dear Parent/Carer,

Application for a Primary School

I am writing to let you know the outcome of your application for a secondary/primary school. Your child has been offered a place at X School. The school will write to you with further details.

I am sorry that it was not possible for your child to be offered a place at any of the schools which you listed as a higher preference on your application form. For each of these schools there were more applications than places, and other applicants has a higher priority than your child under the school's published admission criteria.

Offers which could have been made for any schools which you placed lower in your preference list, were automatically withdrawn under the co-ordinated admission arrangements, as a higher preference has been offered.

If you would like more information about the reason that your child was not offered a place at any higher preference school, you should contact the admission authority that is responsible for admissions to the school within the next few days. Details of the different admission authorities for schools in the borough of X are attached to this letter. If the school is outside the borough of X, the admission authority will either be the borough in which the school is situated, or the school itself.

You have the right of appeal under the School Standards & Framework Act 1998 against the refusal of a place at any of the schools for which you have applied. If you wish to appeal, you must contact the admission authority for the school within the next few days to obtain the procedure and the date by which an appeal must be received by them.

Please would you confirm that you wish to accept the place at X School by completing the reply slip below. If you do not wish to accept the place, you will need to let me know what alternative arrangements you are making for your child's education.

You must contact this office if you wish to apply for any other school, either in this borough or elsewhere.

[You can also request that your child's name is placed on the waiting list for a school which was a higher preference on your application form than the school you have been offered. Please use the enclosed reply slip and return it to this office]. OR

{Your child's name has been placed on the waiting list for any school which was a higher preference on your application form than the school you have been offered. If you need to find out your child's position on the waiting list please contact the admission authority or the borough in which the school is situated}.

(One of the above bracketed paragraphs should be used depending on whether the LA automatically places children on a waiting list for higher preference schools).

*Please return the reply slip to me by **15 March 2019 (sec) / 30 April 2019 (prim)**. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me on _____.*

Yours sincerely

(First preference offer letters only will include the paragraphs in italics only)

**PAN-LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSIONS SCHEME
SCHEDULE 3B**

Timetable for Admissions to Reception/Junior in 2019/20

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| Tues 15 Jan 2019 | Statutory deadline for receipt of applications |
| Tues 5 Feb 2019 | Deadline for the transfer of application information by the Home LA to the PLR (ADT file) |
| Mon 11 Feb 2019 | Deadline for the upload of late applications to the PLR. |
| Tues 12 – Tues 26 Feb 2019 | Checking of application data |
| Thur 21 Mar 2019 | Deadline for the transfer of potential offer information from the Maintaining LAs to the PLR (ALT file). |
| Thur 28 Mar 2019 | Final ALT file to PLR |
| Fri 29 Mar - Wed 10 Apr 2019 | Checking of offer data |
| Thurs 11 Apr 2019 | Deadline for on-line ALT file to portal |
| Tues 16 April 2019 | Offer letters posted. |
| Tues 30 April 2019 | Deadline for receipt of acceptances |
| Tues 7 May 2019 | Deadline for transfer of acceptances to maintaining LAs |