

In Year Admissions to Secondary School Year September 2026 to July 2027

A quick guide



Free state funded education in England

All children of compulsory school age living in England have the right to a free full-time suitable education.

This guide explains how to apply for a school place.

What is compulsory age?

A child is compulsory school age from the first day of the new term following their fifth birthday. Therefore:

- children who turn 5 between 1 January and 31 March will be of compulsory school age from the beginning of the school term after 1 April;
- children who turn 5 between 1 April and 31 August will be of compulsory school age from the beginning of the school term after 1 September;
- children who turn 5 between 1 September and 31 December will be of compulsory school age from the beginning of the school term after 1 January.

A child remains of compulsory school age until the last Friday in June in the school year that they turn 16.

The Human Rights Act

The Human Rights Act allows parents/carers to give religious and/or philosophical reasons for wanting a particular school place. The local authority is required to take these into account when it can. In practice, this means we can only take this into account if the school has enough places. In cases where we have more applications than places for a school, we will follow our admissions criteria to decide which children are offered a place. Please remember that under Human Rights legislation, we are only required to offer education, not a particular type of education.



What is my child's year group in the school year September 2026 to August 2027?

Secondary			
Child's date of birth (inclusive)	Age	Year group	Key stage
1 September 2010 - 31 August 2011	15/16	11	4
1 September 2011 - 31 August 2012	14/15	10	4
1 September 2012 - 31 August 2013	13/14	9	3
1 September 2013 - 31 August 2014	12/13	8	3
1 September 2014 - 31 August 2015	11/12	7	3

Year 7 for Academic Year 2027/2028

Children born from 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016 start secondary school in September 2027.

How is it decided which children should be offered the places in a school year group?

The law requires every school to publish their admission arrangements, which include their over-subscription criteria (the priority order for places).

See section 7 on page 71 of the full admission booklet for more details.



In Year applications for secondary school in Newham

(also known as casual, midterm or mid phase admissions)



How to apply for a place in year, 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11 to start anytime in the school year September 2026 to July 2027



Apply online for a place at www.newham.gov.uk/inyear

Applying for a secondary school place in Newham for:

- New arrivals from outside of England
- New arrivals from elsewhere in England
- Children returning to Newham
- Children living in Newham but educated in another borough who now want a place in Newham
- Children currently receiving Elective Home Education

To apply for any schools in Newham, complete our in year form. For schools outside of Newham, check the school's website to find out the process. Note, only the borough where you child lives must provide a school place. This only applies where we cannot offer a place at one of your preferred schools and your child has not already got a suitable school place in that borough.

How to apply for a school place in Newham.

- Find out about the schools in Newham by reading this guide and checking the schools' websites.
- Check the locations of the schools in Newham and the distance from your family home. Use our [Home to School Distance Finder App](#)
- Decide which school you are going to apply for – these are known as your preferences.
- Apply using our [online In Year form](#) – the form will guide you through the application process.
- Note: To request a paper form email schooladmissions@newham.gov.uk
- Review and check the information you have entered on the form and then submit.
- Check you receive an electronic acknowledgement from donotreply@newham.gov.uk
- Post your paper form to School admissions, PO Box 69972, London E16 9DG, If do not receive an email confirming receipt within 5 days, email schooladmissions@newham.gov.uk
- If you have named any faith schools as preferences on your application form, and you want to be considered under their faith based criteria (see section 7), you may need to complete the Supplementary Information Form (SIF); this can be found on the Newham website or the school's own website. The completed SIF must be sent directly to the school – you will need to complete a separate SIF for each faith schools that requires one.

How is it decided which school is offered?

- Every week all schools in Newham submit their places available (vacancies) for each year group.
- When a school has fewer pending applications than there are available places in a particular year group, all applicants are offered a place.
- If a school has more pending applications for a particular year group than there are places available, their published oversubscription criteria must be applied to all applicants for that year group to determine their order of priority for a place – this is known as rank order.
- For every school preference named on a child's school application, the child will have a rank number.
- The places available are then allocated using the rank number to decide which children will receive offers. For example, if in year group 8 there is one place and four pending applications, only the child ranked one can be offered and those ranked two to four will remain on the waiting list (or added to the waiting list if they are new applications).
- Children are offered places based on their rank rather than the date of the school application as first come first served is not permitted in law.
- For Newham children who are not currently on roll at a school in Newham, who do not have an existing offer of a place and who cannot be offered a place at any of the schools listed in the application, an alternative school will be allocated. This alternative school will be the closest to their home that has a place available in their year group – this school will always be in Newham but may not be close to the child home.
- On a weekly basis, all applicants whose children have been newly offered a place will be sent a letter informing them of the school offered and next steps.

What options are available to families whose children are not offered a place at their preferred schools?

- Applicants are given the right of an independent hearing for any school where they have applied and been refused (See section 4 in the full admissions booklet)
- Children are automatically added to the waiting list for all schools listed as a higher preference than the school offered

Changing secondary schools within Newham (internal transfers)

Admissions for school year September 2026 to August 2027

Information and application process to move your child from one secondary school in Newham to another in Newham.

Think very carefully before you apply to change a child's school! The reason should be about your child's wellbeing and education, and you should consider whether or not these would be positively impacted by the change.

Changing schools is a really big step to take for any child, whatever their ability and age.

Moving any child from one school in Newham to another school in Newham, except at the end of year 6 or when starting reception for the first time, could be detrimental to your child's progress. Stability in any child's life is really important, and for children school, is a major aspect of their lives that should remain constant wherever possible. Changing schools may result in a child being worried about trying to get used to new routines, new rules, new teachers and making new friends. This means they may find it harder to concentrate on their schoolwork.

Before taking the big step of changing schools we strongly recommend that parents/carers talk to their family and friends, the child's current school and the child to be sure they are making the correct decision.

Considering changing schools due to a problem at a child's current school?

Families considering changing schools within Newham because their child is having problems at their current school including being bullied or struggling with the journey, should urgently speak to their form tutor or head of year before applying for a transfer as they can normally resolve the problem and stop the need for a child having to go through the upheaval of changing schools.

Remember that schools can usually settle most issues once they know about them, so it is essential that parents/carers share their concerns and worries at the earliest opportunity.

Changing schools for children and young people who have started their GCSEs

It can be difficult for a child or young person to change schools at any age, but it can be more of a challenge for those who are currently studying for their GCSEs. Schools offer a range of courses meaning it is possible that a new school may not offer the same options/subjects as their current school. Even if they do offer the same options/subjects, they may use a different examining board and therefore be following a different syllabus, so any work the child has already completed may not be relevant.

Remember changing GCSE and other courses can have an adverse effect on a child's exam results and further education.

Applying to change schools within Newham

The process to change schools within Newham is the same as for new arrivals or those returning to Newham – this is known as an In Year admission.

If you apply online, you will receive an automatic acknowledgement; for paper applications you should receive this within three working days.

If you do not get an acknowledgment or offer within seven working days, please email schooladmissions@newham.gov.uk for advice.

Are all transfer requests guaranteed?

No, a change of school can only be offered when an applicant's preferred school has places available. If the school has sufficient places available, everyone who has applied must be offered a place. However where the school receives more applications than places available, their over-subscription criteria must be applied to decide which children are offered places.

The main difference between applications for new arrivals to Newham and those wanting to change schools within Newham is that those wanting to change schools in Newham already have a place in the borough, which means we do not have to allocate an alternative school if we cannot offer a place at one of the applicant's preferred schools.

How we offer places

See Section 7 of the full admissions e-booklet on the Newham website.

Waiting lists

See next page.

Appeals

All applicants who have applied for a place and been refused have the right to an Independent appeal hearing. See Independent School Admission Appeals - Quick Guide

Waiting list information for all year groups for the school year 2026-2027 and Year 7 places for September 2027 entry

For all schools in Newham, children are automatically added to the waiting list at any of the school named a higher numbered preference than the schools offered.

The offer of a preferred school will automatically result in lower ranked schools being withdrawn unless the applicant notifies LB Newham's School Admissions and Appeals Team in a written communication of their requirements.

Where no school can be offered from those named as preferences, the child will be added to the waiting list of all schools listed on their application.

For reception entry in the next academic year, waiting lists will open on the day following national offer day in April.

For all other year groups, waiting lists open on the first day of the new academic year in September and are closed and cleared on the last school day of each school term, except where the application was received by the Newham's School Admissions and Appeals Team on or after the first day of the month in which the school holiday starts, in which case the application will be automatically rolled forward to the same school waiting list for the new term.

Waiting lists are cleared at the end of each school term. If a place becomes available before the end of the term, we will contact you automatically to let you know. If you have not received an offer from the waiting list by the end of the term, you will need to submit a new application to add your child's name on the new waiting list for the following term, as waiting lists are refreshed at the start of each term.

All waiting lists must be organised in accordance with the published criteria (below), not on a first come, first served basis. This means that children new to a waiting list are added in their rightful place based on their priority for a place and not automatically added at the bottom.

As a result of waiting lists being organised in accordance with published criteria, it is possible for a child to move down a list as well as up. This can occur on a daily basis for schools which have high numbers of applications and/or high mobility.

A child added to a waiting list will remain on that list until:

- The child is offered a place at a school ranked higher;
OR
- The child is offered a place at the school and the place is refused;
OR
- The parent/carer requests their child to be removed from the list, in writing;
OR
- The parent/carer submits a fresh application and has not named the school as one of their current preferences;
OR
- The application was found to be fraudulent or completed to deliberately mislead;
OR
- The last school day of each term;
OR
- Where the application was received by the Newham School Admissions and Appeals Team on or after the first day of the month in which the school holiday starts, at which time the application will be automatically rolled forward to the same school waiting list for the new term

Where a child has been removed from a waiting list, for them to be added again their parent/carer must complete and submit a fresh application form.

For all schools who participate in the Council's waiting list scheme, Newham School Admissions and Appeals Team will issue an automatic weekly email advising the applicant of the child's waiting list position. Note: this service can only be provided if we have a current valid email address and the applicant has opted in to this service.

When any school officially reports a vacancy, the place will be offered to the child who is at the number one position on the waiting list for that year group on the day the vacancy was reported.



Do you need help deciding which school to apply for?

Home to school distance finder

The OS (Ordnance Survey) route used to calculate your home to school distance.
Discover how far you live from the schools in your area.

Your Selected Address

LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM
NEWHAM DOCKSIDE
1000, DOCKSIDE ROAD
WEST BECKTON
LONDON
NEWHAM
E16 9TA

Search Again

Your Selected School

Langdon Academy
Sussex Road
London
E6 2PS



2.880 miles



1.923 miles

Show Route

Show Route

Showing route to Langdon Academy



The Home to School Distance Finder App can provide useful information.

You can use the Newham Secondary Home to school distance finder App to find out:

- the six secondary schools closest to your home located in Newham
- your home to school distance (shortest walking and straight line) from your home address to any secondary school in Newham.
- whether your home address is in the Newham Catholic Deanery

<https://schoolfinder.gitechservices.com/secondary.html>

Don't limit your school preferences



Use your six preferences.

We cannot reserve your child a place at their local school or where their sibling attends - you must apply if you want a place.

www.newham.gov.uk/schooladmissions