

# **PAN-LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSION SYSTEM**

## **Template LA Schemes for Co-ordination of Admissions to Year-7/Year-10 in Maintained Schools and Academies in 2025/26**

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## Template LA Schemes for: Co-ordination of Admissions to Year-7/Year-10

### Definitions used in the template schemes

“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 Protocol”	the document containing the address verification policy agreed by LIAAG and the 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
“the Maintaining LA”	the LA 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 <b>must</b> 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 are sent to parents/carers. 1 March in the year following the relevant determination year. If in any year 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 secondary schools and academies.

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### **Template Scheme for Co-ordination of Admissions to Year-7/Year-10 in 2025/26**

#### **Applications**

1. The London Borough of Newham will advise home LAs of their resident pupils on the roll of this LA's maintained primary schools and academies who are eligible to transfer to secondary school in the forthcoming academic year.
2. Applications from residents of The London Borough of Newham will be made on this LA's Common Application Form, which will be available and able to be submitted on-line. This will include all the fields and information specified in Schedule 1 to this Template LA Scheme. These will be supplemented by any additional fields and information, which are deemed necessary by this LA to enable the admission authorities in the LA area to apply their published oversubscription criteria.
3. The London Borough of Newham will take all reasonable steps to ensure that every parent/carer who is resident in this LA and has a child in their last year of primary education, within a maintained school or academy, either in this LA or any other maintaining LA, is informed how they can access this LA's composite prospectus and apply online. Parents/carers who do not live in the London Borough of Newham will have access to The London Borough of Newham composite prospectus 'We are going to secondary school', which will advise parents/carers to contact their home LA if they are unable to apply online.
4. The admission authorities with the London Borough of 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 the London Borough of 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 2021.
5. Where supplementary information forms are used by admission authorities in the London Borough of Newham, they will be available on this our website. Such forms will advise parents that they must also complete their home LA's Common Application Form. This LA's composite prospectus and website will indicate which schools in this LA require supplementary forms to be completed and where they can be obtained.

6. Where an admission authority in the London Borough of Newham receives a supplementary information form, we 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 2021.
7. Applicants will be able to express a preference for six maintained secondary schools or Academies within and/or outside the Home LA.
8. The order of preference given on the Common Application Form will not be revealed to a school within the area of the London Borough of Newham. This is to comply with paragraph 1.9 of the School Admissions Code 2021 which states that admission authorities must not give extra priority to children whose parents rank preferred schools in a particular order, including 'first preference first' arrangements. However, where a parent resident in this LA 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.
9. The London Borough of Newham undertakes to carry out the address verification process as set out in its entry in the LIAAG Address Protocol. This will in all cases include validation of resident applicants against this LA's primary school data and the further investigation of any discrepancy. Where this LA 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 **17 December 2024**.
10. The London Borough of 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 additional evidence on receipt of a reasonable request by the maintaining LA in respect of a preference for a school in its area by **14 November 2024**.
11. The London Borough of 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 this LA to be admitted outside of their correct age cohort, and will forward any supporting documentation to the maintaining LA by **14 November 2024**.

## Processing

12. Applicants' resident within the London Borough of Newham must return the Common Application Form, which will be available and able to be submitted on-line, to this LA by **31 October 2024**.
13. Application data relating to all preferences for schools in the area of a participating LA, which have been expressed within the terms of this the London Borough of Newham scheme, will be up-loaded to the PLR by **14 November 2024**. Supplementary information provided with the Common Application Form will be sent to maintaining LAs by the same date.
14. The London Borough of Newham shall, in consultation with the admission authorities within this LA's area and within the framework of the Pan-London timetable in Schedule 3A, will provide own admission authority schools located in Newham with details of on time applications for consideration and ranking using their oversubscription criteria by **6 December 2025**.
15. The London Borough of Newham will accept late applications only if they are late for a good reason, deciding each case on its own merits. The latest date for receipt of such applications from parents/carers is **12 December 2024**.
16. Where such applications contain preferences for schools in other LAs, the London Borough of Newham will forward the details to maintaining LAs via the PLR as they are received. The London Borough of Newham will accept late applications which are considered to be on time within the terms of the home LA's scheme.
17. 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 **17 December 2024**.
18. 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 **12 December 2024**, on the basis that an on-time application already exists within the Pan-London system.
19. The London Borough of Newham will participate in the application data checking exercise scheduled between **17 December 2024 and 2 January 2025** in the Pan-London timetable in Schedule 3A.

20. All preferences for schools within the London Borough of 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 2021. When the admission authorities within this LA have provided a list of applicants in criteria order to this LA, the London Borough of 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'.
21. The London Borough of Newham will carry out all reasonable checks to ensure that pupil rankings are correctly held in its LAS for all maintained schools and academies in this LA's area before uploading data to the PLR.
22. The London Borough of Newham will upload the highest potential offer available to an applicant for a maintained school or academy in this LA to the PLR by **31 January 2025**. The PLR will transmit the highest potential offer specified by the Maintaining LA to the Home LA.
23. The LAS of the London Borough of 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 **13 February 2025** if this is sooner. Where a management decision is made that additional iterations are necessary, these will continue no later than **17 February 2025**.
24. The London Borough of Newham will not make an additional offer between the end of the iterative process and **3 March 2025** which may impact on an offer being made by another participating LA.
25. Notwithstanding paragraph 24, if an error is identified within the allocation of places at a maintained school or academy in the London Borough of Newham, this LA will attempt to manually resolve the allocation to correct the error. Where this impacts on another LA (either as a home or maintaining LA) this LA 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, the London Borough of Newham will accept that the applicant(s) affected might receive a multiple offer.
26. The London Borough of Newham will participate in the offer data checking exercise scheduled between **14 and 21 February 2025** in the Pan-London timetable in Schedule 3A.
27. The London Borough of Newham will send a file to the eAdmissions portal with outcomes for all resident applicants who have applied online no later than **27 February 2025**. (33 London LAs & Surrey LA only).

28. The file should additionally contain offers to late applicants who can be offered a place on **3 March 2025**. Home LAs are required to make those offers, but they are not included in the report of on-time outcomes generated from the LAS.

## Offers

29. The London Borough of 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 2021. The alternative school place allocated will be the closest school to the child's home address with a place available.
30. The London Borough of 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.
31. The London Borough of Newham outcome will include the information set out in Schedule 2.
32. On **3 March 2025**, the London Borough of Newham will send by first class post notification of the outcome to resident applicants who applied using a paper common application form and do not have an email address. Resident applicants who used the eAdmissions online portal will not receive a letter by post but instead will receive an online notification of the outcome of their application or an email.
33. The London Borough of Newham will provide all junior and primary schools with destination data of its resident applicants by the end of the summer term **2025**.

## Post Offer

34. The London Borough of Newham will request that resident applicants accept or decline the offer of a place by **17 March 2025**, or within two weeks of the date of any subsequent offer.
35. Where an applicant resident of the London Borough of Newham LA accepts or declines a place in a school within the area of another LA by **17 March 2025**, this LA will forward the information to the maintaining LA by **24 March 2025**. Where such information is received from applicants after **17 March 2025**, this LA will pass it to the maintaining LA as it is received.
36. Where a place becomes available in an oversubscribed maintained school or academy located in the London Borough of Newham, this will be offered from a waiting list ordered in accordance with paragraph 2.15 of the School Admissions Code 2021.



37. When acting as a maintaining LA, the London Borough of Newham will place an applicant resident in the area of another LA on a waiting list of any higher preference school located in the London Borough of Newham.
38. Where a waiting list is maintained by an admission authority of a maintained school or academy located the London Borough of Newham, the admission authority will inform this LA of a potential offer, in order that the offer may be made by the home LA.
39. When acting as a maintaining LA, the London Borough of Newham will inform the home LA, where different, of an offer for a maintained school or Academy located in the London Borough of Newham which can be made to an applicant resident in the home LA's area, in order that the home LA can offer the place.
40. When acting as a maintaining LA, the London Borough of Newham and the admission authorities within it, will not inform an applicant resident in another LA that a place can be offered.
41. When acting as a home LA, the London Borough of 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.
42. When acting as a home LA, when the London Borough of Newham is informed by a maintaining LA of an offer which can be made to an applicant resident in this LA'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.
43. When acting as a home LA, when the London Borough of Newham has agreed to a change of preferences or preference order, it will inform any maintaining LA affected by the change. In such cases, paragraphs 40 and 41 shall apply to the revised order of preferences.
44. When acting as a maintaining LA, the London Borough of Newham will inform the home LA, where different, of any change to an applicant's offer status as soon as it occurs.
45. When acting as a maintaining LA, the London Borough of Newham will accept a change of preferences or preference order (including reinstated or additional preferences) from home LAs for maintained schools and academies in its area.
46. All schools located within the London Borough of Newham's area, will create their waiting lists for Year-7 the day after National Offer Day, being **4 March 2025**.

47. The London Borough of Newham, when acting as a home LA, will offer places that become available after National Offer Day from **4 March 2025**.
48. The London Borough of Newham, when acting as a home LA, once preferences expressed in accordance with paragraph 7 above have been determined, applicants may change current preferences, change their rank order or express additional preferences before the start of the school term by submitting a 'Change of Preference Form' which is available on the council's website.

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

**Minimum Content of Common Application Form for  
Admissions to Year-7/Year-10 in 2025/26**

**Child's details:**

Surname  
Forename(s)  
Middle name(s)  
Date of Birth  
Sex  
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'? 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  
Sex 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.

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

**SCHEDULE 2**

**Template Outcome for Admissions to Year-7/Year-10**

From: Home LA

Date: **3 March 2025**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Application for a Secondary School Place

*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 **17 March 2025**.*

*If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me on*

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Yours sincerely

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

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

**Timetable for Admissions to Year-7/Year-10 in 2025/26**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Process</b>	<b>Paragraph</b>
<b>Thurs 31 Oct 2024</b>	Statutory deadline for receipt of applications	<b>12</b>
<b>Thurs 14 Nov 2024</b>	Deadline for the transfer of application information by the Home LA to the PLR (ADT file).	<b>10, 11, 13</b>
<b>Thurs 12 Dec 2024</b>	Deadline for receipt of late applications considered as “on-time” by parents to Home LA.	<b>9, 17</b>
<b>Tues 17 Dec 2024</b>	Deadline for the upload of late applications considered as “on-time” to the PLR.	<b>9, 17</b>
<b>Tues 17 Dec 2024 – Thurs 2 Jan 2025</b>	Checking of application data	<b>19</b>
<b>Fri 9 Jan 2025</b>	Ranking applications	<b>19, 20, 21</b>
<b>Fri 31 Jan 2025</b>	Deadline for the transfer of potential offer information from Maintaining LAs to the PLR (ALT file)	<b>22</b>
<b>Thurs 13 Feb 2025</b>	Final ALT file to PLR	<b>23</b>
<b>Fri 14 to Mon 17 Feb 2025</b>	Additional iterations if needed	<b>23</b>
<b>Fri 14 – Fri 21 Feb 2025</b>	Checking of offer data	<b>26</b>
<b>Thurs 27 Feb 2025</b>	Deadline for on-line ALT file to portal	<b>27</b>
<b>Mon 3 Mar 2025</b>	Offer notifications sent	<b>24, 31</b>
<b>Mon 17 Mar 2025</b>	Deadline for receiving acceptances	<b>33, 34</b>
<b>Mon 24 Mar 2025</b>	Deadline for transfer of acceptances to maintaining LAs	<b>34</b>