

Pan-London Co-Ordinated Admission System For the London Borough of Newham

Template LA Schemes for Co-ordination of Admissions to Reception/Junior in Newham Maintained Schools and Academies in 2026/27

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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 **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 are sent to parents/carers. 16 April 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 primary and secondary schools and academies.

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Template LA Scheme for Co-ordination of Admissions to Reception/Junior in 2026/27

Applications

1. 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 the London Borough of Newham to enable the admission authorities in the LA area to apply their published oversubscription criteria.
2. The London Borough of Newham will take all reasonable steps to ensure that every parent/carers who is resident in this LA and has a child in a nursery class 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 this LA will have access to this LA's composite prospectus, which will advise parents/carers to contact their home LA if they are unable to apply online.
3. The admission authorities within 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.
4. Where supplementary information forms are used by admission authorities in the London Borough of Newham they will be available on this LA's website. Such forms will advise parents that they must also complete their home LA's Common Application Form. The London Borough of Newham composite prospectus and website will indicate which schools in this LA require supplementary forms to be completed and where they can be obtained.
5. Where a school in this the London Borough of Newham receives a supplementary information form, this LA will not consider it to be a valid application unless the parent/carers 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.
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.

7. 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 to comply with paragraph 1.9 of the School Admissions Code 2021. 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.
8. The London Borough of Newham undertakes to carry out the address verification process set out in its entry in the LIAAG Address Protocol. This will in all cases include validation of resident applicants against this LA's maintained nursery and primary school data and the further investigation of any discrepancy. Where the London Borough of 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 **12 February 2026**.
9. This LA 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 **5 February 2026**.
10. 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 the London Borough of Newham to be admitted outside of their correct age cohort and will forward any supporting documentation to the maintaining LA by **5 February 2026**.

Processing

11. Applicants' resident within the London Borough of Newham must return the Common Application Form, which will be available and able to be submitted online, to this LA by **15 January 2026**.
12. Application data relating to all preferences for schools in the area of a participating LA, which have been expressed within the terms of this LA's scheme, will be up-loaded to the PLR by **5 February 2026**. Supplementary information must be provided by the parent/carer direct to the relevant school/LA and not the child's home LA as they will not forward additional information to the maintaining LA.
13. 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 **13 February 2026**

14. 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 **11 February 2026**.
15. 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. This LA 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 **13 February 2026**.
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 **12 February 2026**, on the basis that an on-time application already exists within the Pan-London system.
18. The London Borough of Newham will participate in the application data checking exercise scheduled between **16 and 23 February 2026** in the Pan-London timetable in Schedule 3B.
19. 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 the London Borough of Newham have provided a list of applicants in criteria order to this LA, this LA 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. 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.
21. 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 **19 March 2026**. The PLR will transmit the highest potential offer specified by the Maintaining LA to the Home LA.
22. 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 **27 March 2026** if this is sooner.

23. The London Borough of Newham will not make an additional offer between the end of the iterative process and the **16 April 2026** 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 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) the London Borough of 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, the London Borough of Newham will accept that the applicant(s) affected might receive a multiple offer.
25. The London Borough of Newham will participate in the offer data checking exercise scheduled between **26 March and 8 April 2026** in the Pan-London timetable in Schedule 3B.
26. The London Borough of Newham will send a file to the E-Admissions portal with outcomes for all resident applicants who have applied online no later than **13 April 2026** (33 London LAs & Surrey LA only).
27. The file should additionally contain offers to late applicants who can be offered a place on **16 April 2026**. 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

28. 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 2.12 of the Schools Admissions Code 2021. The alternative school place allocated will be the closest suitable school to the child's home address with a place available.
29. 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.
30. The London Borough of Newham's outcome notification will include the information set out in Schedule 2.

31. The London Borough of Newham will on **16 April 2026**, 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.
32. The London Borough of Newham will provide nursery, infant and primary schools with destination data of its resident applicants by the end of the summer term 2026.

Post Offer

33. The London Borough of Newham will request that resident applicants accept or decline the offer of a place by **30 April 2026**, or within two weeks of the date of any subsequent offer.
34. Where an applicant resident in the London Borough of Newham accepts or declines a place in a school maintained by another LA by **30 April 2026**, the London Borough of Newham will forward the information to the maintaining LA by **7 May 2026**. Where such information is received from applicants after **30 April 2026**, this LA will pass it to the maintaining LA as it is received.
35. Where a place becomes available in an oversubscribed maintained school or academy located in the London Borough of Newham, it will be offered from a waiting list ordered in accordance with paragraph 2.15 of the School Admissions Code 2021.
36. 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. Where this is not done automatically, it will be done immediately following a request from the home LA.
37. Where a waiting list is maintained by an admission authority of a maintained school or academy located in 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.
38. 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.
39. 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.

40. 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.
41. 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 the London Borough of Newham, 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.
42. 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 39 and 40 shall apply to the revised order of preferences.
43. 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.
44. 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.
45. All schools located within the London Borough of Newham's area, will create their waiting lists for Reception and Junior places the day after National Offer Day, being **17 April 2026**.
46. The London Borough of Newham, when acting as a home LA, will offer places that become available after National Offer Day from **17 April 2026**.
47. 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 Reception/Junior in 2026/27

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.

SCHEDULE 2
Template Outcome Letter for Admissions to Reception/Junior in 2026/27

From: Home LA

Date: **16 April 2026**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Application for a Primary 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 **30 April 2026**. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me on _____.*

Yours sincerely

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

SCHEDULE 3B

Timetable for Admissions to Reception/Junior in 2026/27

Date	Process	Paragraph
Thurs 15 Jan 2026	Statutory deadline for receipt of applications	11
Thurs 5 Feb 2026	Deadline for the transfer of application information by the Home LA to the PLR (ADT file)	9, 10, 12
Thurs 12 Feb 2026	Deadline to receive late applications considered as 'on-time' by parents/carers to Home LA.	8, 16
Thurs 13 Feb 2026	Deadline for the upload of late applications considered as 'on-time' to the PLR.	8, 16
Fri 13 to Mon 23 Feb 2026	Checking of application data	18
Mon 23 Feb 2026	Ranking applications	19, 20,
Thurs 19 Mar 2026	Deadline for the transfer of potential offer information from the Maintaining LAs to the PLR (ALT file).	21
Thurs 20 – Mon 23 Mar	Iterations for Junior	22
Thurs 20 – Mon 25 Mar	Iterations for Reception	22
Tue 24 - Wed 25 Mar 2026	Junior Additional ALT if needed	22
Thurs 26 – Fri 27 Mar 2026	Reception Additional ALT if needed	22
Thurs 27 Mar - Fri 11 Apr 2026	Checking of offer data	25
Mon 13 Apr 2026	Deadline for on-line ALT file to portal	26
Thurs 16 April 2026	Offer notifications sent	23, 30
Thurs 30 April 2026	Deadline for receiving acceptances	32, 33
Thurs 7 May 2026	Deadline for transfer of acceptances to maintaining LAs	33