



THE LONDON BOROUGH

SECONDARY ADMISSIONS 2027

An overview of the admissions process



Applying for a secondary school place

Timelines, preferences and offers

Key Dates for parents

Date	Key Action
1 September 2026	Applications open (apply online at www.bromley.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)
September – October 2026	Families to read all available information, visit school open events and make decisions on which schools to apply for.
31 October 2026	National closing date for applications. NB: any application received after this date will normally be treated as late.
8 December 2026	Deadline for 'late' school applications for exceptional reasons and proven changes of address to be considered for national offer day
1 March 2027	National offer day – offer notifications sent to on-line applicants after 5pm
15 March 2027	Deadline for families to accept/decline the school offered online (decisions can be submitted via email after this date)
March 2027	Appeals to be submitted to the relevant school (contact schools directly for their appeals process and timetables)
From 6 April 2027 until 31 December 2027	The Council reallocates any places that have become vacant from the waiting lists



Children with an EHCP

- If your child has an EHCP, the process for changing schools is different and you must not apply through this process, but a lot of the information about what to think about is still important.
- You will need to speak to your child's SEND Case Officer to discuss your options
- You should visit schools you are interested in for your child
- An offer of a school place will be coordinated by your SEND Case Officer
- Your SEND Case Officer will update you on consultations for a school place
- You will be advised when a school has been named on your child's EHCP
- The timescales are different and a school may be named after National Offer Day

Key message!

Apply on time:
Applications open on
1 September and close
midnight on 31 October
- the deadline



How to apply for a school place online



If you live in Bromley, apply online at www.bromley.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions between 1 September and 31 October 2026

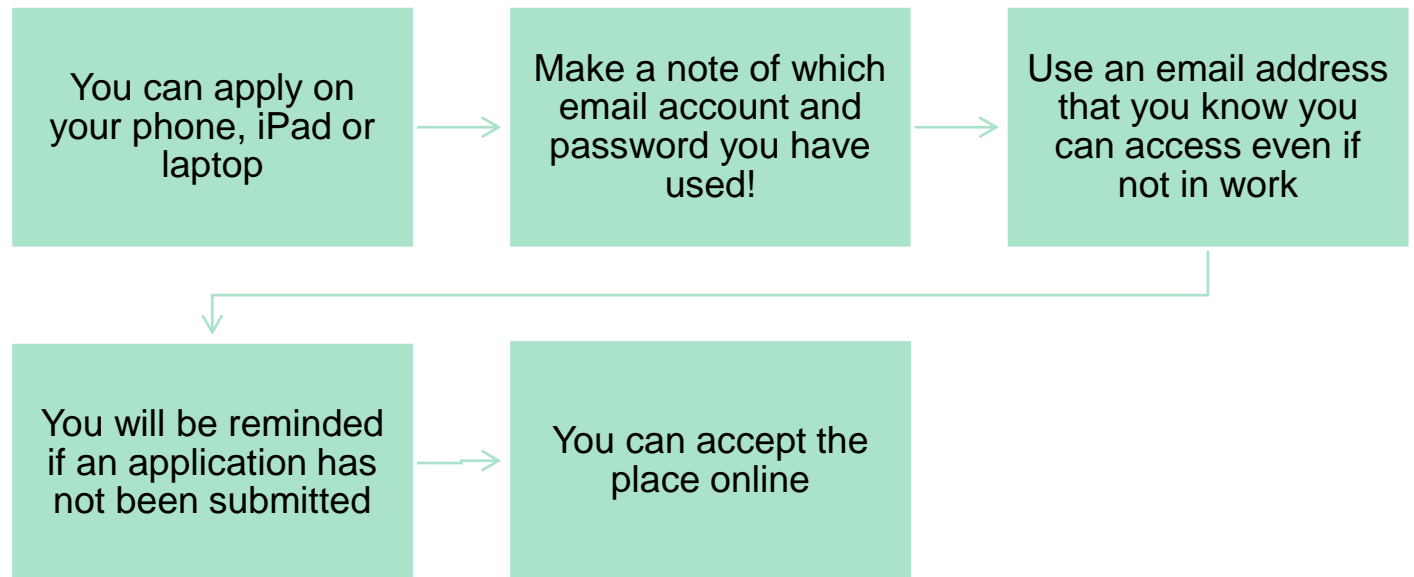


If you live elsewhere apply via your own LA's website



All you need is an email address

Applying online is easy



Making an application



Bromley residents can apply online for up to 6 schools:



You can give reasons for your preference



If applying to grammar and out of area schools, ensure they are included in your application preferences



Put the schools in the order you prefer them



Consider the order of your preferences carefully and think about how your child will get to school



We suggest you include a local school that you have a good chance of being offered



Things to consider...

Does your child need to sit a test to be considered for a place at the school?

Do you know where your child fits on the school's admission criteria?

Do you need to complete a supplementary information form (SIF) or Category Form for the school? (e.g. Due to faith or because your child is eligible for Pupil Premium)



The offer process

- Local authorities share offer information with each other
- Each school preference is treated separately
- Schools are not told where they are placed on the preference list by the parent
- All admission authorities apply their 'oversubscription criteria' to the children with a preference for their school and sort the children into 'ranked order'
- The schools tell the ranked order to their council
- Families will receive the offer of one school on National Offer day (1 March 2027 after 5pm) from the local authority where they live (even if the school is in a different area)



Next steps

- **Accept or refuse the offer:** This must be done by 15 March 2027 and can be done online.
- **Waiting lists:** Children not offered the highest preference will automatically be placed on waiting lists for schools named higher than the one offered.
- **Lower ranked waiting lists:** Children can go onto the waiting lists for lower preferences parents should email this request to Bromley Admissions (secondary.admissions@bromley.gov.uk).
- **Additional preferences:** Can be added after offer day by completing the additional preferences form to request to be considered for other schools.
- **Right of Appeal:** You will have the right of appeal to any school named on your application that did not offer your child a place.
- **Next steps guide:** A full guide providing more detail on the options available to you will be published on national offer day.

After Offer Day



You can appeal for any school you have been refused



This includes where your preference is a grammar school, and your child has not been assessed as of grammar ability



We will automatically add your child to the waiting list for any school on your application above the school we have offered as long as it is a school they are eligible to be considered for



Appeals

- You will have the right of appeal to any school named on your application that was not able to offer your child a place. This includes lower named preferences.
- All schools in Bromley are responsible for their own appeal process; it will be your responsibility to check their appeal timetables and process directly with the school.
- Admissions appeals are heard by an independent appeal panel for the school, and they will base their decision on the cases put forward by the school and by the parent to decide whether a place should be provided at the school.
- Full details of how the appeal process works will be published in the next steps guide on 1 March 2027.
- **Admissions Appeal Code:** All schools and appeal panels must comply to the School Admissions Appeals Code 2022 published by the Department for Education.



Further information

- **Applying for a school place booklet:** this will be available online from 1 September 2026 providing full details of the whole admission process, useful information on how offers were made in previous years and links to each Bromley school's admissions arrangements.
- **Where to find it:** This booklet will be available on the council's website at www.bromley.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions
- **Questions and support:** If you need help understanding admissions criteria or the process, please contact the Bromley Admissions Team via secondary.admissions@bromley.gov.uk



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For further information, please contact:
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