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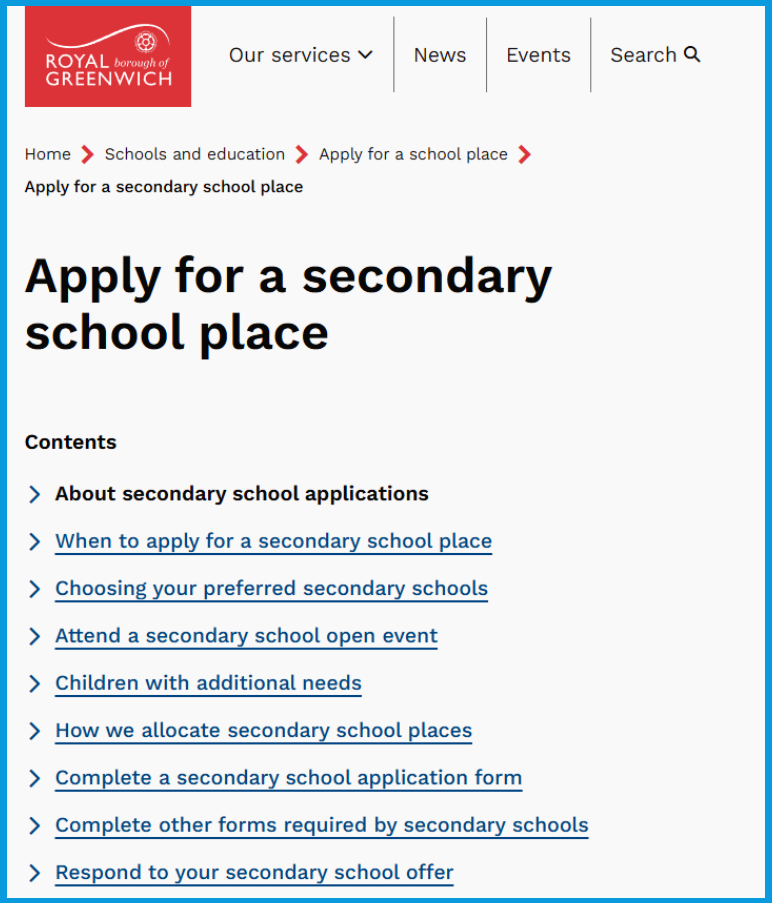
WINDRUSH CHARLTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Aims of this meeting:

- To know where and how to obtain information about specific schools
- To understand more about the application process and important deadlines

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-school-place/apply-secondary-school-place



Please ensure you have downloaded this booklet as this will give you vital information about the secondary transfer process.
It will give basic information on every Greenwich school, maintained or academy.

Look at interactive map for catchment areas. Greenwich have not stopped putting this distance in their booklet as Greenwich doesn't want families relying on a **single, potentially misleading figure**. They've moved toward **online, changeable data and clearer explanations of the admissions process instead.**

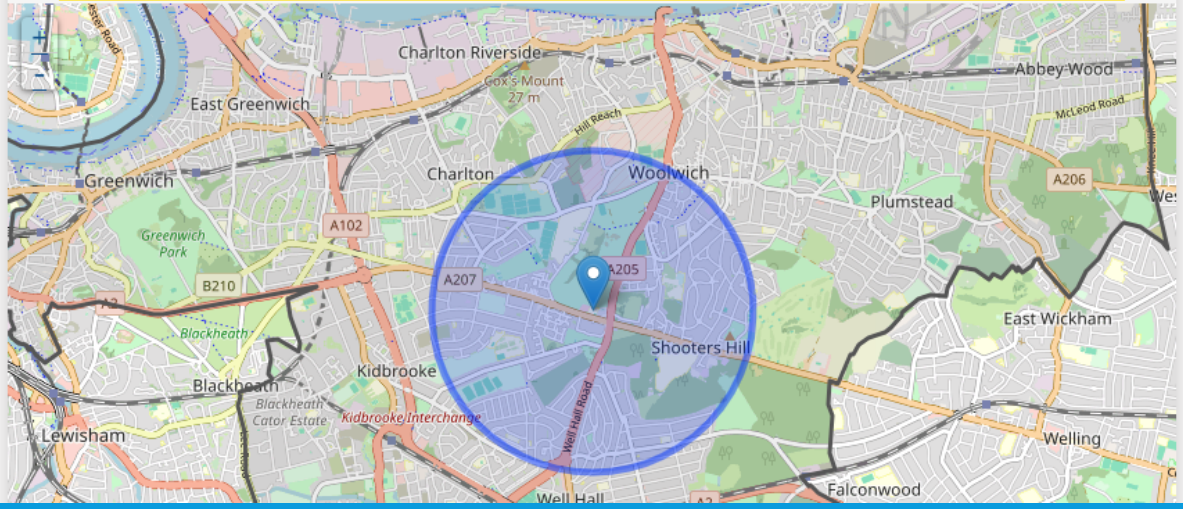
All applications are to be made online. 'Paper applications will only be made available to those who are unable to apply online.'

Secondary school offers interactive map

Select a school from the drop-down list to begin. This will show the school's location and a circle covering the addresses of all applicants offered a place for September 2024 admission. St Thomas More Catholic Comprehensive School and St Ursula's Convent School don't offer places on the basis of home to school distance so they're not on the map.

Select a school

Ark Greenwich Free School 1382m



Useful links: Secondary School admissions

- Apply for a secondary school place
- Directory of secondary schools
- Secondary school admission policies
- Secondary school offers interactive map
- Waiting list checker
- Secondary school open day events for September 2025

Distance is measured as a straight line from the centre of the home to the centre of the school site.

Selecting a school:

Please think about the distance from your home to the school and how realistic is your chance of being offered this school. Also the additionally travelling time that this adds to your child's school day.

Interactive map will give you a very good indication whether the school is a realistic option.

Use an many school options you can and rank them in order of preference.

RGB will look at all your options see if your child meets the criteria and then offer your child the school you put as the highest preference.

If you only put two school place down and your child is not offered either of this place, RGB will choose the school offer for your child that is the closest to your address and have available places (often these are the least popular schools and can be up to 5 miles away from your home.)

Selective/Grammar schools

- Your child will have to see an 11+ exams if you are intending to select a grammar school in Bexley. (Registration closed in March 2026)
- Tests are administered in September. These results will be sent to parents early October.
- If your child has been successful then you can put the grammar schools on your application form. If your child has not been successful PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE A GRAMMAR SCHOOL AS AN OPTION.
- Passing a test is not a guarantee of a place. Looked after children who are successful, siblings and distance still play a part. 800 places on offer and approx. 2000 children pass the test . Approximately 40% of pupils who pass the test are deemed selective.
- If your child does not pass please do not ask us to write a letter of appeal to try and get your child in. There will a large number of children who have passed who do not get a place due to distance for example so they will be the ones placed on the waiting list.

Choosing a school if your child has SEN.

EHCP – discussion will take place at the year 5 annual review meetings.

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/send/parent-carer/choosing-and-getting-to-school

Open Mornings and Evenings

Now that you know which schools are a realistic option for your child, try and go and see them during the school day.

All secondary schools will hold open mornings, days and evenings.

It is vital that you go and visit as many schools as possible to get a good feel of where your child would best fit in and be happy.

Your child should also have a say in this – they are the ones who have to go there for at least the next 5 years – not you!

All the dates for the open events are on the school's website. We do not hold this information so would ask that you inform the school office via email if your child is going to visiting a school on any given morning or afternoon.

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-school-place/apply-secondary-school-place/attend-secondary-school-open

Banding test for some schools.

Testing and banding assessments

The following schools use a banding system based on the results of a general ability assessment:

- Harris Academy Greenwich
- Leigh Academy Blackheath
- Leigh Halley Academy
- Leigh Stationers' Academy

These schools will divide their total number of Year 7 places into bands with the aim of providing a balanced intake of children of differing abilities. Your child will be placed in one of a number of bands, depending on their score in a test. It is not possible to 'pass' or 'fail' the test, and the band a child is placed in will not guarantee an offer of a place at a preferred school.

Harris Academy Greenwich

The school will invite all applicants to an assessment after 31 October 2025. If your child does not take the banding assessment they will be considered for a place after all those applicants who have taken the test.

Please contact the school directly as soon as possible, to obtain further details, including testing arrangements.

Leigh Academy Blackheath, Leigh Halley Academy and Leigh Stationers' Academy

You will need to complete a form to register your child for the assessment and return it to the school by 31 October 2025. If your child does not take the banding assessment they will be considered for a place after all those applicants who have taken the test.

Please contact the school directly as soon as possible, to obtain further details, including testing arrangements.

Supplimentary forms for Faith schools – contact the school

- St Mary Magdalene CE School
- St Paul's Academy
- St Thomas More Catholic Comprehensive School
- St Ursula's Covent School

So we have visited and chosen schools…. What next?

1. PLEASE pick at least 4-5 schools. If your child is sitting the 11+ choose possibly up to 3 grammar schools and some mainstream schools
2. If you choose only 1-2 schools and are not successful you could be given any school within the borough. RGB will choose the school offer for your child that is the closest to your address and have available places.
3. Put the schools in preference order
4. Moderate learning difficulties such as delayed speech and language or dyslexic, work commitments and childcare arrangements are not considered as being medical or social care need. You need a medical diagnosis and medical reports.
5. If your child has an EHCP there should already have been discussions around suitable schools for them in Year 5 and you will make a separate application.
6. Some schools require your child to sit a banding test- Halley, Harris Leigh Academy Blackheath and Crown Woods- contact those schools separately- see their website or call.
7. Complete a supplementary form by Oct 31st for church schools.
8. Complete the application form on line- this is the best and quickest way and it allows you to make changes right up until the final date of submission- 31st October.
9. If you decide to complete a paper copy which you will need to request from school admissions then they will not acknowledge that they have received it- be aware of this

EXAMPLE OF AN APPLICATION WITH 3 SCHOOLS CHOSEN

- You have applied for Woolwich Poly, Eltham Green and Lee Academy trust.
- Both Woolwich Poly and Eltham Green are able to offer a place for your child but Lee Academy Trust turn you down on distance criteria.
- That leaves 2 schools and the LA will then pick the school you put down as first choice.

GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

- Application guidance notes can be found on p42-43 of the Greenwich admissions booklet which contains important information around your application.
- It is important you read this section
- If you or anybody you know need help to select schools and fill in the application then please do let me know and I will make and I will make an appointment to do it with them.



Applying online

Some of the advantages of applying online are:

- it is quick and easy to use
- the online system is open from 1 September and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- there is no risk that your application will get lost or delayed in the post
- you will receive confirmation that your application has been submitted successfully
- you will get the result earlier - no waiting for your letter to arrive

To apply online go to eadmissions.org.uk

FINALLY..

When to apply for a secondary school place

Timetable for secondary school admissions in September 2025

Stage	Date
Applications period opens	1 September 2025
Application period closes	31 October 2025

This years dates have not been updated yet. See last year's as these tend to be the same year on year.

ANY QUESTIONS???