

School 360 admission arrangements for 2021-22

Admission number

The school has an admission number of 30 for entry in reception for 2021-22.

Where the number of applications for admission is less or the same as the admission number, all applicants will be offered a place.

Application process

The school will process application outside the normal local authority process for coordinating school offers. This means you will need to complete your LA common application form for your other choices of school in addition to a separate application for this school.

Applications for this school can be submitted by completing our online application form by 1 April 2021. The form is available at <https://bigeducation.org/apply-for-a-place/>

Offers will be made on 16 April 2021. If we have not entered into a funding agreement with the Secretary of State opening the school by that date, they will be conditional offers and will be confirmed once we have a signed funding agreement.

Oversubscription criteria

Children with an Education and Health Care Plans naming the school will be admitted before all other applicants are considered. Where the school is oversubscribed, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after, but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order.¹
2. Children who have been assessed by Newham Council's Special Educational Needs Service as requiring a particular named school to meet their educational needs and/or physical access. In addition, the child must be on the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice and be in receipt of 'high needs funding' and/or have physical access difficulties.
3. Children who have a sibling on roll and are reasonably expected to be on roll at the time of admission in the school.
4. Children whose parent/carer (with legal parental responsibility) are directly employed at the school to fill a skill shortage area.
5. Service children²
6. All other children, whether or not they live in Newham.

If we have to decide between applicants in any of the above admissions criteria 2-6 the tie break will be: home to school shortest walking distance, starting with the nearest address.

¹ A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

²<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-service-pupil-premium/service-pupil-premium-what-you-need-to-know#eligibility-criteria>

How do we define home to school walking distance?

If a child's natural parents are not living together and the child spends a few days in both households on weekdays, then the address that will be used for measurement purposes will be the one from which the child goes to school in the morning most often on weekdays. The end point is the main gate of the school. We will use the Newham Geographical Information System (GIS) to calculate your child's home (the starting point) to school (the endpoint) walking distance measurements. For more information on calculation methods please see Newham's secondary and primary brochures. If the system calculates that two or more pupils have the same home to school distance (to three decimal places) we will use the following criteria to decide their priority:

- For pupils who live in flats, whether they are part of a house or a block, priority will be given based on the floor they live on, with the lowest floor having the highest priority
- For pupils who live in houses we will use additional decimal places.

To check the distance from your home to the closest schools to your home visit

www.newham.gov.uk/schoolfinder

Random allocation undertaken by the local authority (or another body unconnected with the academy trust) will be used as a tie-break in criteria 2-6 above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the academy/free school is equidistant in any two or more cases.

Twins and same year siblings

Random allocation will not be applied to multiple-birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place. We will admit them all, as permitted by the infant class size rules and exceed our PAN.

Late applications

Application forms received after the closing dates as published by Newham Pupil Services will be considered late and after all applications received on time. If, following consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

Deferred entry for infants

Parents offered a place in reception for their child have a right to defer the date their child is admitted, or to take the place up part-time, until the child reaches compulsory school age. Places cannot be deferred beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made.

Children reach compulsory school age on the prescribed date following their fifth birthday (or on their fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 August, 31 December and 31 March.

Admission of children outside their normal age group.

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested.

When such a request is made, the academy trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the head teacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

Appeals procedure

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Applicants should contact Sarah Seleznyov (sarah.seleznyov@bigeducation.org) or Andrea Silvain (andrea.silvain@bigeducation.org) by 18th May 2021 for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on the Newham council website:

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/admissions-appeals-1>

Waiting list

In addition to the right of appeal, unsuccessful candidates will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained by LB Newham and communicated to the school on a weekly basis. The waiting list is maintained in order of the over-subscription criteria set out above and not in the order in which applications are received or added to the list. Names will be removed from the list at the end of the Autumn, Spring and Summer terms. Parents must make a fresh application to remain on the list for the following term. The application form can be found on the LB Newham's website.

Other admissions

Vacancies occurring after the initial offers have been made but before the start of Autumn term, will be offered in accordance with the criteria highlighted above. Thereafter, 'in-year' applications can be made via Newham Pupil Services. Places will be offered in accordance with the criteria highlighted above.