

Secondary Transfer for Children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND)

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/ CARERS

Secondary Transfer

The secondary transfer process can be a worrying time for both parents/carers, and children, and possibly more so for children with special educational needs and/or a disability (SEND).

Our aim is to help explain and provide information about the process.

We will try to make this as clear as possible, and will try to answer any questions that you may have, or signpost you to other agencies for support.

Applying for Secondary Schools

If your child is on the SEN Register but no EHCP, or is awaiting an EHC needs assessment, you will need to follow the standard schools admissions process. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.harrow.gov.uk/schools-learning/apply-secondary-school-place>

The process for children who have either a **proposed EHC Plan** or **Final EHC Plan** looks different to that of other children with SEND.

How the application process works

With an EHCP

- Summer term of Year 5 - annual review held and review paperwork sent to Harrow to be amended ready for consultation process in Autumn term of Year 6
- Early in the Autumn Term of Year 6, you will be contacted by Harrow SENARS (SEN Assessment & Review Service) /Hillingdon SEND Service
- You respond directly to Harrow SENARS/Hillingdon SEND Service
- Can include schools from other borough
- May include schools with specialist provision
- You can name private and grammar schools

Without an EHCP

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

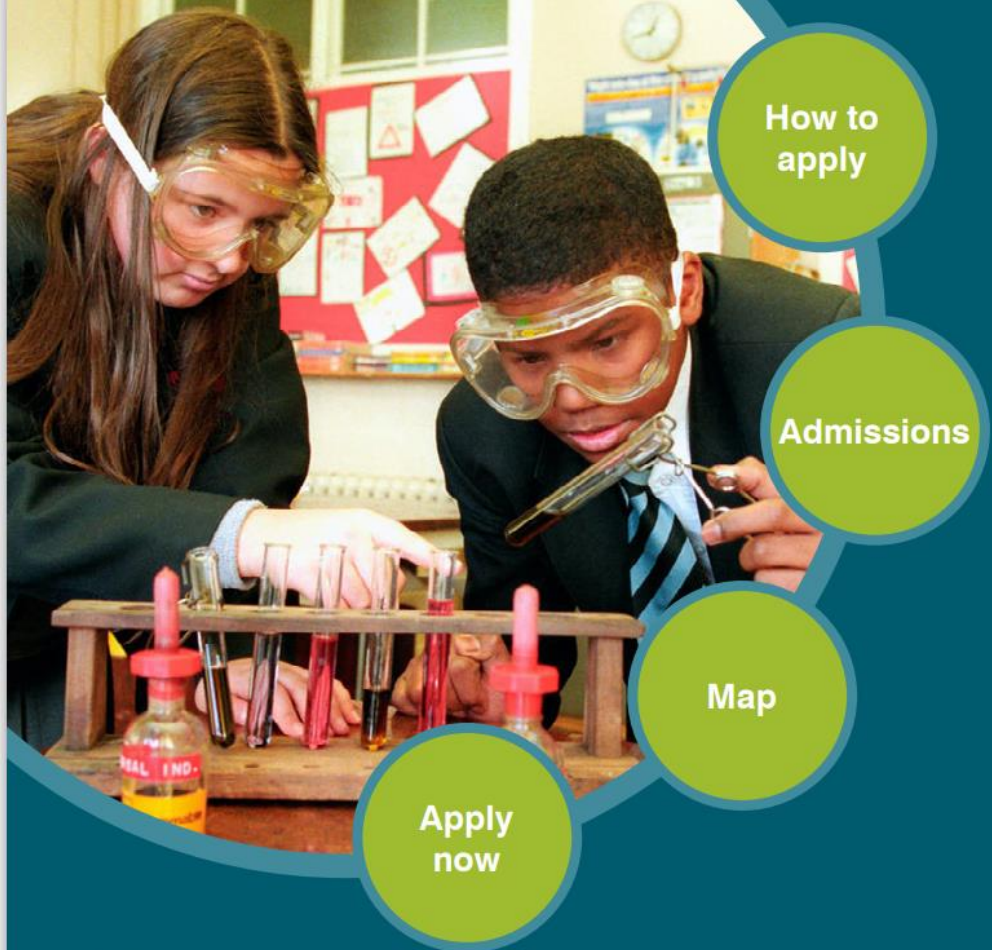
- Apply through the borough in which you live e.g. Harrow or Hillingdon
 - Six Choices
 - Can include schools from any boroughs Harrow, Hillingdon, Brent etc... (however, EHCPs, Siblings, distance.....)
 - Grammar Schools - Barnet, Bucks, Herts (require examinations).
 - Faith Schools (will be required to complete and submit a SIF - direct to the school)
- <https://www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

Choosing a School

- Wherever possible and appropriate, Harrow looks to place children in their local secondary school. This means that they can transfer with most of their peers from primary school and benefit from being within their local community.
- Only a small number of children, with EHCPs, who have the most complex needs, receive places at a special school or at a mainstream school with special provision.
- Some children may also go to grammar schools or choose a private school.
- You are advised, therefore, to visit your most local secondary school(s). This will give you the opportunity to meet with the Inclusion Team and discuss your child's needs.
- Sometimes the deadline for submitting your preferred choices are very close to the High Schools' Open days/evenings - consider attending the previous year if schools allow this

Choosing a school

- If your child has an EHCP, you are also advised to visit any schools which you feel will be the most appropriate placement for your child.
 - You are also able to consult with Harrow SENARS about suitable schools.
 - You do have a right to express a preference for any other school, as well as your nearest school.
 - As well as looking at schools in Harrow, if your child has an EHCP, you are also able to name a school within another local authority e.g. Ealing, Hillingdon, Hertfordshire, Brent, Barnet if there is a school that could best meet your child's needs.
- If you express a preference for a Voluntary Aided school you will need to complete the school's own admission form to ensure that you meet the criteria for admission to that school. The secondary school will be able to provide you with this form. A list of schools can be found on the Council's website www.harrow.gov.uk
- If you wish to name a private school, you will also need to contact the school directly to find out about their application process.



Harrow

a guide to secondary schools

2025-2026

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Children with Special Educational Needs

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Schools

Harrow aims to allow children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) to attend their local secondary school wherever possible, and the vast majority of children with SEN do so. Only a small number of children, who have the most complex needs, receive places at a special school or at a mainstream school with special provision. To talk about the most appropriate placement for your child, parents should contact the Special Educational Needs Assessment and Review Service (SENARS) on 020 8501 8383.

There are two separate admissions arrangements for SEN children, depending on whether they have an Educational, Health and Care Plan or a Statement of Special Educational Needs.

Children without an EHC Plan or a Statement of SEN

These children go through the normal admission procedure. Parents should fill out an application form in the usual way and children will be offered a place based on the school's published admissions criteria. All schools in Harrow receive additional funding to provide extra help for children with SEN.

Children with an EHC Plan or a Statement of SEN

These children do not go through the normal admission procedure. SENARS will consult schools for places on their behalf. We encourage parents to complete school application forms but this is optional. Parents are welcome to visit schools and attend open days.

Before the end of year 5, there will be a review of your child's EHC Plan or Statement of SEN, where parents, school staff and other professionals will discuss the arrangements for secondary school transfer. SENARS will receive a report of that review, and will write to parents at the beginning of September, asking for confirmation of their school preference. SENARS will then consult with the secondary school of preference (if appropriate) and, if required, contact parents again to discuss other options.

SENARS will write to parents in the third week in January to offer their child a place at a secondary school and to propose support arrangements. An amended Final EHC Plan or Statement of SEN which names a secondary school will then be issued by 15 February on the year of transfer.

How places were allocated at Harrow Secondary Schools for September 2023 on 1 March 2023

School Name	Number of apps received	Number of places available	Special Educational Needs – EHC Plans	Looked After Children	Medical/ Social needs Child	Medical Parent	Sibling	Children of Staff	Feeder school	Random Allocation	Practicing Hindu parent ISKON	Practicing Hindu parent	Distance Criteria	Furthest distance offered in miles*
Avanti House	766	180	5	1	0	0	69	0	69	N/A	12	15	9	0.295
Bentley Wood	631	240	0	0	0	0	61	1	13	105	N/A		60	1.792
Canons High	413	210	6	0	0	0	59	0	N/A	N/A	N/A		85	N/A
Harrow High	481	180	2	0	0	0	36	2	N/A	N/A	N/A		115	N/A
Hatch End High	514	210	6	0	0	0	48	0	N/A	N/A	N/A		136	N/A
Nower Hill	1488	324	12	5	0	0	114	1	N/A	N/A	N/A		192	0.856
Park High	651	270	9	2	0	0	100	1	N/A	N/A	N/A		158	1.128
Pinner High	1141	180	11	2	1	0	55	1	N/A	N/A	N/A		110	0.676
Rooks Heath	390	210	6	0	1	0	59	0	N/A	N/A	N/A		93	N/A
Salvatorian College	264	150	4	Further information on the allocation for Salvatorian College and can be obtained directly from the school										
Sacred Heart	324	150	2	Further information on the allocation for Sacred Heart Language College can be obtained directly from the school										
Whitefriars School	279	60	2	0	1	0	14	0	N/A	N/A	N/A		43	0.867
Whitmore High	1423	270	18	4	1	0	88	0	N/A	N/A	N/A		159	0.743

* Distance is measured in a straight line from the home address to the centre point of the school

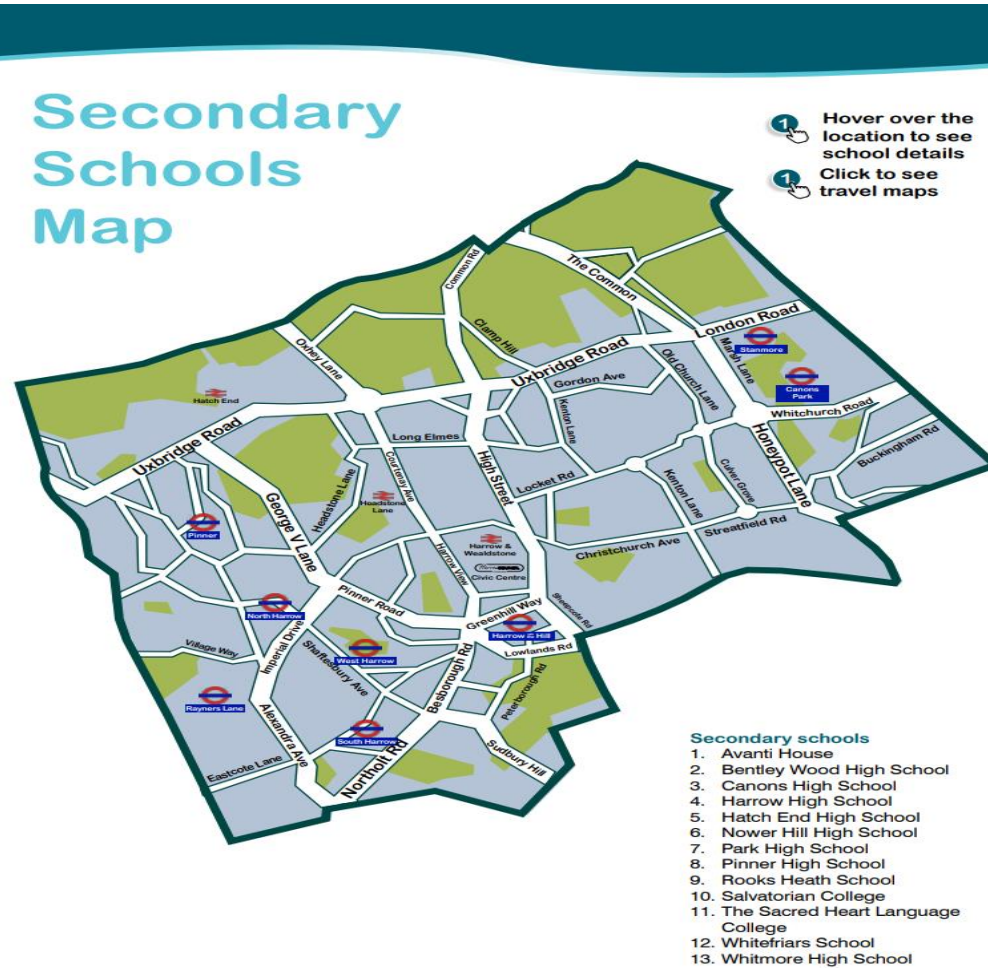
How places were offered in 2024

This table shows how places were allocated to children starting at Harrow's secondary schools in September 2024. It shows how many places were available, how many people applied for those places and how those places were then allocated. These are the statistics for last year, and while this year's statistics may be similar, the level and pattern of demand for schools changes every year. This means that the distances cited in the table below change from year to year. Please do not assume that because children in your area attend a particular school that your child will also be offered a place. Harrow schools do not have catchment areas as part of their admission arrangements¹. Schools in Harrow use distance as part of their admission arrangements. All schools in Harrow measure distances from home to school in a straight line from the home address to the school.

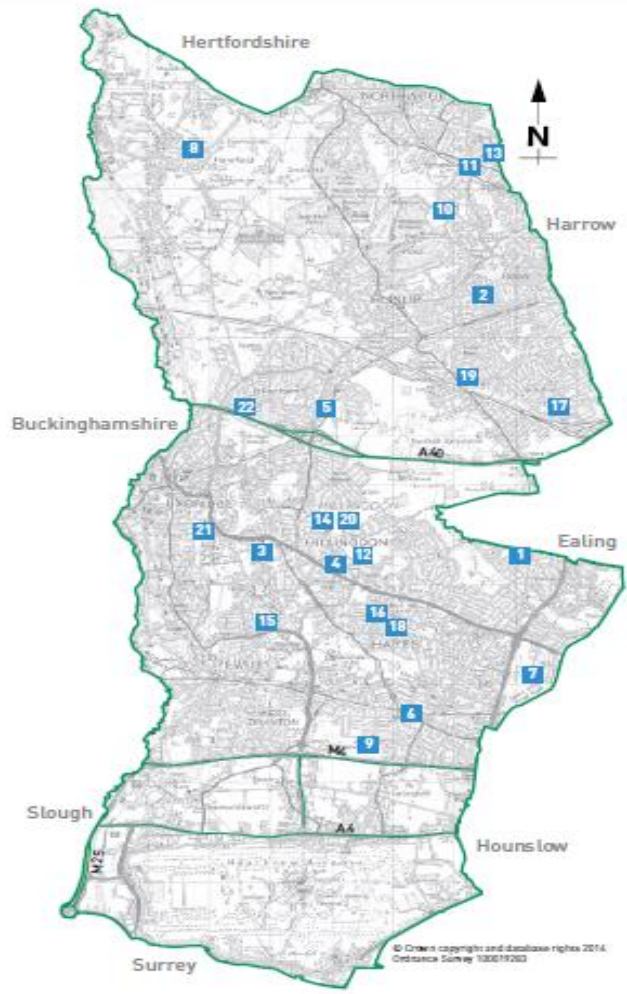
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Avanti House	762	180	9	0	0	0	70	0	64	N/A	15	15	7	0.325
Bentley Wood	674	240	7	0	0	1	58	2	19	93	N/A		60	1.638
Canons High	357	210	2	1	0	0	49	0	N/A	N/A	N/A		104	N/A
Harrow High	477	180	3	0	0	0	39	0	N/A	N/A	N/A		108	N/A
Hatch End	554	210	4	1	0	0	46	2	N/A	N/A	N/A		150	N/A
Nower Hill	1,528	324	22	2	0	1	119	0	N/A	N/A	N/A		180	0.814
Park High	510	270	2	0	0	1	78	0	N/A	N/A	N/A		162	N/A
Pinner High	1,244	180	4	1	1	1	73	4	N/A	N/A	N/A		96	0.597
Rooks Heath	345	210	2	0	0	2	48	0	N/A	N/A	N/A		116	N/A
Salvatorian	295	150	Information for Salvatorian College and The Sacred Heart Language College can be obtained directly from the school											
Sacred Heart	325	150												
Whitefriars	274	60	1	0	0	0	15	0	N/A	N/A	N/A		44	1.511
Whitmore	1,552	270	15	1	0	3	87	1	N/A	N/A	N/A		163	0.717

** Distance is measured in a straight line from the home address to the centre point of the school

Mainstream schools are all developing their own offer of support to children and young people with SEND, which can be found on their school websites.



Where to find secondary schools in Hillingdon



Key

- A** Academy
- F** Foundation school
- S** Studio college (14 to 19 year olds only)
- U** University technical college (14 to 19 year olds only)

Please note: Each school's status is correct at the time of publication.

- 1 **A** Barnhill Community High School Hayes (DfE 5412)
- 2 **A** Bishop Ramsey C of E School Ruislip (DfE 4600)
- 3 **A** Bishopshalt School Hillingdon (DfE 5400)
- 4 **S** De Salis Studio College Hayes (DfE 4009)
- 5 **A** The Douay Martyrs School Ickenham (DfE 5408)
- 6 **U** Global Academy Hayes (DfE 4014)
- 7 **A** Guru Nanak Sikh Academy Hayes (DfE 4654)
- 8 **A** The Harefield Academy Harefield (DfE 6906)
- 9 **F** Harlington School Hayes (DfE 5411)
- 10 **A** Haydon School Eastcote (DfE 5401)
- 11 **U** UTC Heathrow Northwood (DfE 4024)
- 12 **A** Hewens College Hayes (DfE 5407)
- 13 **A** Northwood School Northwood (DfE 5405)
- 14 **F** Oak Wood School Hillingdon (DfE 5409)
- 15 **A** Park Academy West London Yiewsley (DfE 4021)
- 16 **S** Parkside Studio College Hayes (DfE 4000)
- 17 **A** Queensmead School South Ruislip (DfE 5403)
- 18 **A** Rosedale College Hayes (DfE 5406)
- 19 **A** Ruislip High School Ruislip Manor (DfE 4023)
- 20 **A** Swakeleys School for Girls Hillingdon (DfE 5410)
- 21 **A** Uxbridge High School Uxbridge (DfE 5404)
- 22 **A** Vyners School Ickenham (DfE 5402)

Specialist Provision in Harrow

There are 16 ARMS provisions in Harrow, including the following High Schools

Hearing Impairment

- Hatch End High

Complex Physical Disabilities

- Whitmore High School

Moderate Learning Difficulties

- Bentley Wood High School (for girls)

Autism Spectrum Conditions

- Whitmore High School
- Pinner High

Harrow special schools

- Kingsley High School - for children with complex needs
- Shaftesbury High School - for children with moderate needs
- Harrow has plans for extending current provision and new schools

Specialist Provision in Hillingdon

Specialist provision within mainstream schools

- Northwood - Speech, Language and Communication needs
- Oak Wood - Autistic spectrum disorder
- Vyners - Hearing impairment
- Harlington School - Physical disabilities and sensory needs

Hillingdon Special Schools

- Moorcroft School -SLD, Profound and multiple learning difficulties, Autistic spectrum disorder
- Brunel/Hillingdon Hospital
- Meadow High - MLD - Hillingdon Hospital/Harefield
- Pentland Fields - Severe LD - Ickenham
- The PRIDE Academy - SEMH - Viewsley, West Drayton

SCHOOL	ADMISSIONS	GENDER	TYPE	PLACES
Croxley Danes School 3, Wolsey Business Park, Rickmansworth Hertfordshire, WD18 9BL 01923 284483	Admissions Policy 2020	Mixed	Partially Selective	180 places, 10% of places allocated on aptitude for music
Parmiter's School High Elms Lane, Garston, Nr, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD25 0UU (0)1923 671424	Admissions Policy 2020	Mixed	Partially Selective	208 places 25% of places elected on general ability, 10% of places for aptitude for Music
Queens' School Aldenham Road, Bushey Herts. WD23 2TY 01923 224485	Admissions policy 2020	Mixed	Partially selective	270 places 35% of places selected on general ability, 5% for musical aptitude, 5% for sporting aptitude
Rickmansworth School Scots Hill, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, WD3 3AQ 01923 773296	Admissions policy 2020	Mixed	Partially Selective	226 places 25% of places selected on general ability, 10% of places for musical aptitude
St Clement Danes School Chenies Road, Chorleywood Hertfordshire, WD3 8EW 01923 284169	Admissions Policy 2020	Mixed	Partially Selective	240 places 10% general ability, 10% musical aptitude
Watford Grammar School for Boys Rickmansworth Road Watford WD18 7JF 01923 208900	Admissions Policy 2020	Boys	Partially Selective	224 places: 148 community places (65% of the whole) and up to 78 specialist places (35% of the whole) 25% (58 places) of places selected on academic ability, 10% (22 places) of places for musical aptitude
Watford Grammar School for Girls Lady's Close, Watford Hertfordshire, WD18 0AE 01923 223 403	Admissions policy 2020	Girls	Partially Selective	210 places: 137 community places (65% of the whole) and up to 73 specialist places (35% of the whole) 25% (52 places) of places selected on academic ability, 10% (21 places) of places for musical aptitude

Hertfordshire South West Consortium

The South West Hertfordshire School Admissions Consortium consists of the following schools:

- Croxley Danes (music only)
- Rickmansworth
- St Clement Danes
- Parmiter's
- Queens'
- Watford Grammar School for Boys
- Watford Grammar School for Girls

<https://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>

Hertfordshire - South West Herts-11 Plus



The Schools Admissions Code, that came into effect in 2012, stated that by law, schools must take all reasonable steps to inform parents of the outcome of tests before the closing deadline for the Common Application form (CAF) on October 31st.

There are no fully selective grammar schools remaining in the county of Hertfordshire, but there are several high-performing partially selective schools. Competition for places is extremely fierce.

Hertfordshire operates a Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme, which includes the partially-selective schools in this section.

The schools that are, broadly speaking, treated as being in Hertfordshire (because of historic geographic links) are:

- [The South-West Herts Consortium Schools](#)
- [Other partially selective schools in Herts](#) that are not part of the consortium
- Three wholly selective [grammar schools in the London Borough of Barnet](#) and one partially selective school
- One wholly selective [school \(Latymer\) in the London Borough of Enfield](#)

South-West Herts Consortium Schools

Seven partially selective schools in South-west Hertfordshire administer their 11+ tests as a consortium, sometimes referred to as the South-West Herts Consortium of Schools.

A percentage of places in each school are available in merit order by reference to academic ability. All applicants must take a mathematics and verbal reasoning test. No minimum score is required to gain admission.

A percentage of places are offered in all the Consortium schools except Bushey Meads on the basis of proven aptitude in Music. All applicants under this criteria have to take a written music test administered by the SW Herts Consortium. The test does not require any previous knowledge of music or music theory.

Applicants who achieve the qualifying score are invited back for a 2nd stage practical musical assessment. Places are offered on the basis of scored achieved in the 2nd stage.

Bushey Meads offer an additional test which is called the Technological Aptitude Test, based on non-verbal reasoning consisting of two multiple choice papers. 17 places are offered in descending order of scores. This is an additional test and is entirely optional. However, all applicants have to sit the Consortium Test.

Queens offer a few places with those with exceptional sporting ability and live within the catchment area. Applicants have to take the PE Aptitude Test which cover the core movement skills. The tests have been selected by the Council of European Physical Fitness
Details can be found [HERE](#)

Other Selective Schools

Barnet Selective Schools

Henrietta Barnett

QE Boys

Buckinghamshire Grammar Schools

Chesham Grammar

Dr Challoner's Grammar School (Boys)

Dr Challoner's High School (Girls)

Independent Sector

- Merchant Taylor's
- Haberdasher's
- Harrow
- John Lyon
- St Helen's
- Northwood College
- North London Collegiate School (NLCS)
- Royal Masonic

Some West Lodge Children -
Beech Lodge
Abingdon House
Merchant Taylor's

The Application Process

Individual application for each school

Register interest

Apply by 31st Oct

Exams in 1st or 2nd week January

Interviews - end of January/beginning of February

End of February offers made

Art, music, drama and sports scholarships are available

Independent School Finder

www.schoolsearch.co.uk

Independent Special School Finder

www.specialneedsguide.co.uk

Top Tips and Questions you may want to ask when visiting a secondary school

- Prior to your visit to your preferred secondary school, we suggest you get ready a copy of your child's EHCP and/ or any recent information from professionals working with your child. This will allow you to discuss with the Inclusion Team how your child's special educational needs will be met in school.
- Visit the school's website, and in particular take a look at their SEND Information Report and SEND Policy. This will detail all the ways that the schools support children and young people with SEND.
- Download the guide to secondary schools booklet from the Council's website which should be available in the Autumn term www.harrow.gov.uk
- A copy of the school's own prospectus will describe out-of-school based activities and whether the school operates an after-school or breakfast club.
- You may find it helpful to talk to other parents/carers whose children attend the same secondary school.

Top Tips and Questions you may want to ask when visiting a secondary school

- Ask if your child will have an opportunity to visit/spend time at the school prior to starting in September.
- Ask how the school supports pupils with SEN. Do they have different support assistants for different subjects? Is there an SEN 'hub' pupils can access? How are interventions made available to pupils in their school?
- Does the school operate a 'buddy' system for those children who would benefit from a friend at break and lunchtime periods and/or finding their way around school? What else do the school do to help children find their way around the school between lesson time?
- You may want to know about the school's behaviour policy. The school's governing body publish a policy detailing their approach to behaviour. It should include the school's approach to discipline, what types of behaviour would lead to exclusion and how the school deals with bullying.

Barnet

Pupil Admissions and Travel
Building 4
North London Business Park
Oakleigh Road South
London N11 1NP
☎ 020 8359 7651
✉ school.admissions@barnet.gov.uk
🌐 www.barnet.gov.uk



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☎ 020 8937 3110
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Ealing

School Admissions
Perceval House
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Hillingdon

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www.education.gov.uk
For other Local Authority
address details

Questions

I would like to know the list of schools with Sen and their requirements and process for admission

Harrow SEND Local Offer - <https://www.harrow.gov.uk/send-local-offer>

Can Harrow Council guarantee updated EHCPs in time for application for secondary school?

Yes, all EHCPs have to be produced by February 14th/15th

Can the school support the child's application if the parent appeals?

Yes, we have supported parents with the mediation process over the last few years

What are the best schools for supporting children with ADHD?

Difficult to give a definitive answer as schools change over time

