



Churchfields **Primary School**

Secondary Transfer Information



Quality First Education Trust



Aims of this presentation:

- Clarify types of secondary schools
- Outline the application process
- Provide support to fill in the form
- Explain what to do with an offer
- Explain independent schools process





State Maintained

- Community Schools
Council responsible for admission policy
- Academy
Governors/ Trustees responsible for admission policy
- Voluntary Aided (often *faith schools*)
Governors responsible for admission policy
- Grammar Schools
Selective totally by academic ability

Independent

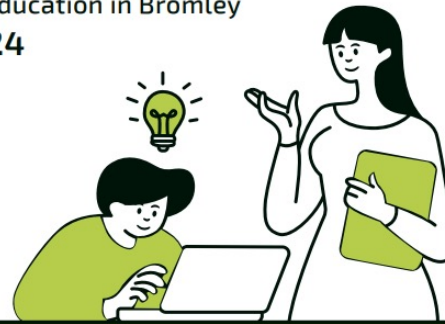
- Private
- Fee-paying
- Day and boarding
- Girls, boys and mixed
- Scholarships
- Bursary





Applying for a school place

Secondary education in Bromley
2023/2024



Your guide to transferring from primary school to secondary school

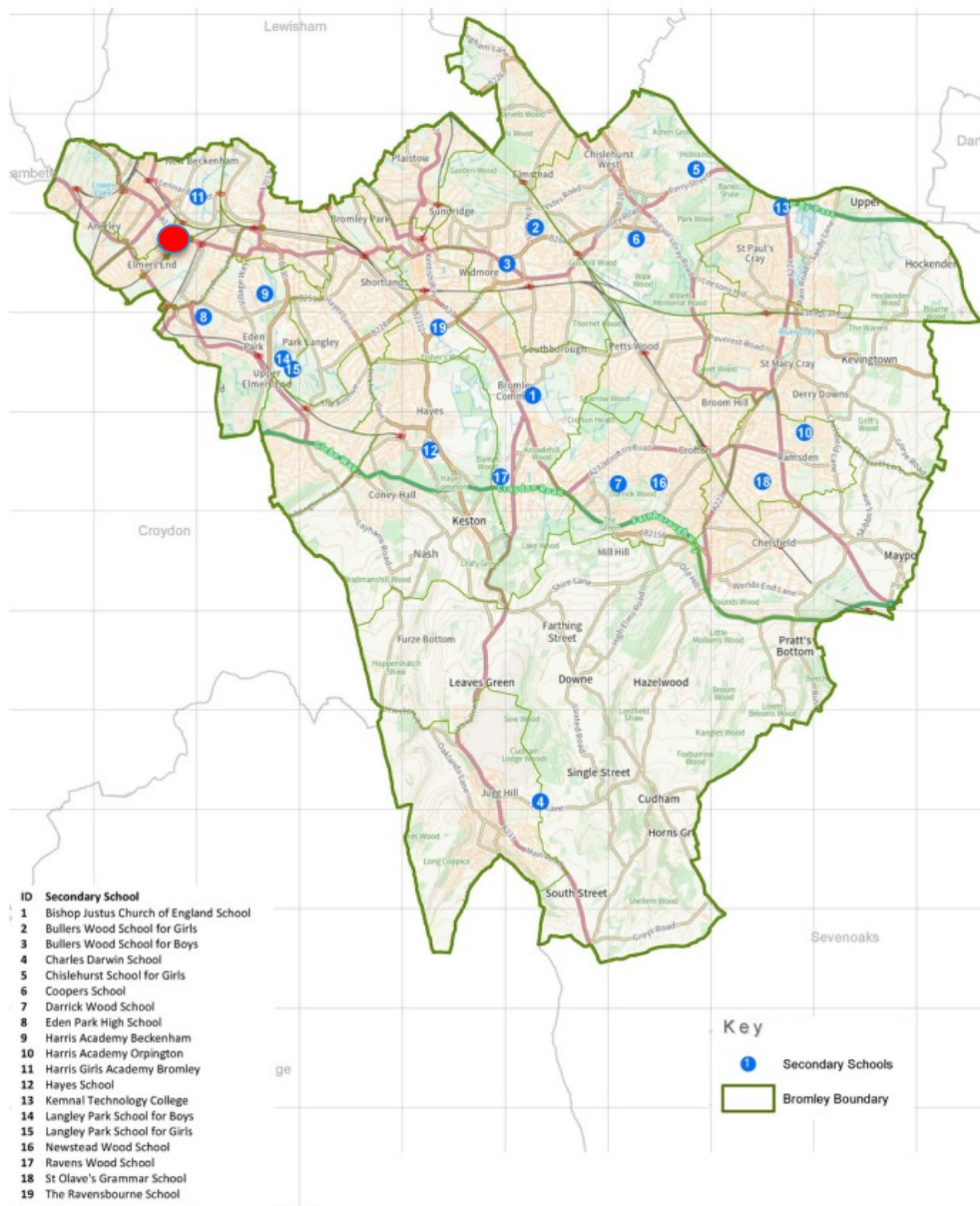
for children born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012

Apply online: [bromley.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](https://www.bromley.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)
It's quick. It's easy. It's secure.

Closing date for applications: 31 October 2022

<https://www.bromley.gov.uk/downloads/file/1863/secondary-education-in-bromley-2023-2024>







Types of places

- **Non-selective**

Looked-after children; SEND (EHCP); siblings; distance

- **Banding**

Test results are divided into equal groups and places are allocated from each group or band.

- **Selective**

Some places are offered based on highest test scores.

- **Specialist**

There are additional assessments in certain subjects – apply in Autumn term.

- **Foundation**

Usually for children who attend a particular place of worship





The process

- September and October
 - find out about/visit schools
 - St Olave's Grammar School Stage 1 test
 - Newstead Wood selection tests and results sent to parents/carers
- **Submit one form by 31st October for any London state school**
- November – St Olave's Grammar Stage 2 test
- December - Harris Academy Beckenham and Bromley banding test
- 1st March 2023 – school offers
- 15th March - deadline to accept or decline offers, appeals submitted
- April - December - waiting list movement





Collecting information

- 'Applying for a School Place'
- Websites
- Contact schools for prospectus
- Admission criteria (applicants vs places)
- Curriculum aims/ ethos
- Activities offered
- Ofsted/ performance tables
- Distance/ travel costs
- Talk to your child (every child is different)
- Visit as many schools as you can





Churchfields Pupil Destinations

State schools - General admissions

- Bacon's College (Mixed)
- Bullers Wood School (Girls)
- Chislehurst School For Girls (Girls)
- Eden Park High School (Mixed)
- Greenshaw High School (Mixed)
- Haberdashers Aske Federation Knights Academy (Mixed)
- Harris Academy South Norwood (Mixed)
- Hayes School (Mixed)
- Kingsdale School (Mixed)
- Langley Park for Girls (Girls)
- Langley Park School for Boys (Boys)
- Orchard Park High (Mixed)
- Ravens Wood School (Boys)
- Sedgehill Academy (Mixed)
- Shirley High School Performing Arts College (Mixed)
- The Marsh Academy (Mixed)
- The Quest Academy (Mixed)





Churchfields Pupil Destinations

State schools - Banding

- Harris Academy Beckenham (Mixed)
- Harris Girls Academy Bromley (Girls)

State schools - Special Schools

- Glebe School (Mixed)

State schools - Religious Schools

- Bishops Justus C of E School (Mixed)
 - 100 religious places (60 Church of England and 40 other Christian)
 - 80 Aquinas Trust
 - 60 Open places

State schools - Grammar Schools (fully selective)

- Newstead Wood School (Girls)
- Townley Grammar School (Girls)
- Wallington High School for Girls (Girls)
- Wallington County Grammar School (Boys)

Independent Schools

- Trinity School (Boys)
- Dulwich College (Boys)
- Royal Russell School (Boys and Girls)
- Sydenham High School (Girls)
- Riverston School (Mixed, Special Needs)





State Application Process

- Complete one form/ online application from home borough.
- Apply for up to 6 schools in any borough.
- Rank the schools in order of preference.
- Applications are passed between boroughs automatically.
- Supplementary Information Forms are submitted directly to schools.





Permanent address

- The child's permanent main residence on 31st October must be used.
- Details about shared custody and what is accepted as a child's address are on p. 27 – 29 of the booklet
- If you change address you must notify and provide proof to the council by 5th December 2022
- Councils do check addresses - places can be withdrawn if based on provision of false or misleading information.





Application Process

If the number of applications is greater than places available:

Schools follow published admission criteria - order and definitions may vary between schools

- Children Looked after (CLA) or previously looked after
- Special educational needs (EHCP)
- Siblings (on roll in September 2022)
- Exceptional medical/ social need
- Children of staff
- Distance to school (straight line measure)
- Religious commitments
- Feeder primary schools





Questions to consider

- What are the admission criteria?
- How many places are available?
- How many applications were there last year?
- How many were admitted under each criterion?
- Up to what distance from the school were places offered last year?
- Information for last year is found within 'Applying for a School Place' and previous years available online.





Myths

- If you only put one school on the form, the council have to give you that school.
False – parental preference; if that school cannot offer a place, the nearest school that has places will be offered to you
- If you put your form in earlier than 31st October, you are more likely to get your choice of school.
False – not processed until after 31st October; no advantage
- If you miss the deadline of 31st October but have a good reason it doesn't matter
False – all applications received after 31st October will only be considered after all of the other places have been allocated
- If you put a state school as your 1st choice, you are more likely to get that school or they give these children places first.
False – this would have to be part of the published admissions criteria; not used any more. Schools don't know the order you have placed them on your application





Myths

- My older child already goes to the school so I don't need to apply

False – there is no automatic admission for a sibling of a child already at a school. An application must still be made and processed

- If my neighbour got in last year, my child will get in this year

False – There are no 'catchment areas' for any Bromley schools and the distance to the furthest place offered changes each year



Distances and appeal

information relating to previous years admissions rounds

The table below shows useful information for each of the Bromley secondary schools and academies for the last three years:

School	Appeals 2022		Distance in miles		
	Heard	Upheld	2022	2021	2020
Bishop Justus Church of England School	0	0	4.778	4.124	5.541
Bullers Wood School for Boys	23	1	1.465	1.791	1.857
Bullers Wood School for Girls	21	1	1.266	1.26	1.576
Charles Darwin School	9	0	4.121 (feeder)	3.748	3.555
Chislehurst School for Girls	1	1	3.654	N/A	N/A
Coopers School	21	2	See Banding Schools table		
Darrick Wood School	9	1	1.119	1.345	1.445
Eden Park High School	10	1	0.749	0.798	0.833
Harris Academy Beckenham	12	0	See Banding Schools table		
Harris Girls' Academy Bromley	0	0	Random allocation		
Harris Academy Orpington	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hayes School	10	0	1.029	1.14	1.02
Kemnal Technology College	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Langley Park School for Boys	5	0	1.074	1.127	1.148
Langley Park School for Girls	9	0	1.294	1.377	1.418
Newstead Wood School	14	0	Test score		
Ravens Wood School	10	1	2.598	3.821	3.332
St Olave's Grammar School	3	0	Test score		
The Ravensbourne School	4	2	2.577	2.848	3.354

N/A - means that the school offered all applicants and had spaces remaining



Banding schools

Coopers School

Banding	Distance in miles		
	2022	2021	2020
Band 1	2.985	N/A	3.228
Band 2	1.861	2.497	2.709
Band 3	1.974	1.504	2.451
Band 4	2.224	1.663	3.016
Band 5	1.819	1.821	2.115
Band 6	1.79	1.758	2.056
Band 7	1.747	1.844	1.751
Band 8	1.415	1.522	1.672

Harris Academy Beckenham

Banding	Distance in miles		
	2022	2021	2020
Band 1	1.456	1.359	1.348
Band 2	1.716	1.695	1.668
Band 3	1.647	1.784	1.974
Band 4	1.373	1.86	1.881
Band 5	1.49	1.903	1.835
Band 6	1.515	1.956	1.779
Band 7	1.429	1.567	1.609
Band 8	1.188	1.777	1.667
Band 9	0.735	0.827	1.217

The information above will help you assess the likelihood of being able to secure a place at preferred schools. Sadly, there are no guarantees of a place because the distance to the last place offered will vary year on year based on the size of the cohort and the demand for schools.



Online application

- Secure and confidential
- Save your form and log back in later to finish or make changes
- Receive email reminders to submit form and to receive result on 1st March 2023





Filling out the form

- Apply for up to 6 schools by 31st October – most parents/carers apply online.
- A paper form can be downloaded from the admissions website.
- Rank them in order of preference.
- Each school considers the application separately – each school is not aware of their position on your form and **must follow their published admissions criteria**
- Schools inform the borough if a place can be allocated for your child.
- If more than one school offers a place, the borough offers you the highest school on your application.
- Pupils automatically remain on the waiting list for schools **above** their offered school.





Filling out the form

- Include at least 4 schools.
- Include one close in distance.
- If you don't live in Bromley, you must apply through your home Local Authority but you can list schools in any borough
- If you are unsuccessful with your listed schools, your borough will allocate the school closest to you that has available places.
- **State schools only offer one school at a time.**





October 31st

- Online - completed by midnight on 31st October
- Paper - must be received by 31st October

Don't be late!

If the application is not received by your local council by 31st October, your child will not be considered for a place until after 1st March when all the places have already been given out.

If there are no places left in your preferred schools, you will go on the waiting list and be offered the nearest school which still has places left





How offers are made

An example - applies for 6 state secondary schools:

1. Red School

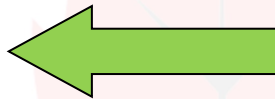
2. Blue School

3. Green School

4. Purple School

5. Pink School

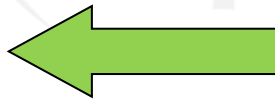
6. Orange School



Later Offer



1st March Offer





When Offers are Made

You can:

- a. Accept the place (if you decide to reject the place it may not be re-offered).
- b. Find out more about why your child was not offered a particular place and their position on the waiting list by calling the council.
- c. Keep your child on the **waiting list** for a higher preference but may not be offered this place. Places on the waiting list are held until December 2023.
- d. Decide to **appeal** – the deadline for this will be included in the offer letter
- e. Make a late application to schools not on your original list or lower placed than your offer





Independent Schools

September – November: Open Days

September – December: Closing dates for Applications

December and January: Tests and interviews

February and March: Outcomes of applications





Independent Schools

- You can apply for as many independent schools as you wish, but think about what your child can manage.
- All applications are treated individually by the school.
- Children can receive a number of independent school offers at the same time as the one state school offer.
- School arrangements and procedures vary from school to school.
- Apply directly to each school – check websites for dates/ phone to request prospectus.
- Scholarships are available for particular subjects and / or general ability – check what will be required of your child, what happens to the place if things change.
- Bursaries are available for families within a certain income bracket.
- This is a more subjective process - tests, interviews (even parents), references, auditions and assessment days are used to decide places.





References

- No references are required for applications to state school.
- If you require a reference for an independent school / scholarship, please email admin@churchfields.qle.org.uk by 31st October 2022.
- All references are confidential – we work to give the most full picture of your child as we can and may ask you for further details to add to the reference e.g. hobbies.





General References

- Attendance and punctuality – Covid-related absence will be indicated
- Academic attainment and aspects of this: e.g. problem solving in maths, engagement with the wider curriculum
- Learning skills: e.g. effort, resilience, ability to handle new concepts, follow instructions, concentration, independence
- Personal characteristics: working with peers, staff and conduct around school
- Participation: e.g. in extra-curricular clubs/ events, other aspects of school life, outside of school as reported by yourselves
- Special circumstances: SEND, exclusions, medical, English as an additional language, anything else which may have adversely affected the child's academic/ personal development or should be considered as part of a fair assessment process





Scholarship References – Art, Music, Sport

- Evaluates:
 - Areas of strength in the subject
 - Commitment to further practice
 - Relevant learning skills e.g. ability to follow coaching points and leadership in sports; ability to think creatively and generate ideas in art
- Participation in relevant clubs/ school events, participation outside of school as reported by parents and carers
- Any other circumstances which may have adversely affected the child's academic or personal development or should be considered as part of a fair assessment process





If you need further help or just want to talk through your options:

- Speak to/contact Year 6 teachers, Mrs White or Ms Atherton
- School website <https://www.churchfields-qle.org.uk/our-school/secondary-transfer/>
- Contact pupil services in your borough (find out distances from your home).

