

# School Admissions Arrangements 2017- 2018

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London Borough of Richmond

*24 August 2016*

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**SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2017/2018**

**Admissions criteria for community primary, junior and infant schools**

*Criteria for the community primary and infant schools*

1. The oversubscription criteria for admission to community primary schools for 2017 /2018 are summarised as follows:

If there are more applications received than available places, they will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria in order of priority:

- i) places will be offered firstly to Looked After Children i.e. children who are looked after by a public authority and are in public care, and previously looked after children who were adopted, or subject to a residence order, or special guardianship order, immediately following having been looked after. Applications made under this criterion must be accompanied by details of circumstance and professionally supported evidence (e.g. from a social worker);
- ii) Children who have an exceptional medical or social need requiring attendance at the school applied for rather than any other school. Such needs must be supported, at the time of application, by reports or letters from suitable professionals such as GPs, consultants or social workers. Circumstances cannot be taken into account unless information is provided at the time of application and failure to provide such information at that stage may therefore affect whether or not the children are allocated places at the preferred schools. All information submitted will be regarded as confidential.
- iii) Children who have siblings (by which is meant full, step-, half- and adopted siblings living in the same household) at the same infant or primary school in Reception to Year 6 at the point of admission;
- iv) Children who live nearest to the school, measured by the shortest route by road and/or maintained footpath from the property to the nearest pedestrian school gate used by the relevant year-group. Accessibility of private or public transport will not be considered. All distances will be measured using the Council's geographical information system.

*Criteria for the community junior schools*

2. The oversubscription criteria for admission to community junior schools for 2017/2018 are summarised as follows:

If there are more applications received than available places, they will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria in order of priority:

- i) places will be offered firstly to Looked After Children i.e. children who are looked after by a public authority and are in public care, and previously looked after children who were adopted, or subject to a residence order, or special guardianship order, immediately following having been looked after. Applications made under this criterion must be accompanied by details of circumstance and professionally supported evidence (e.g. from a social worker);
- ii) Children who have an exceptional medical or social need requiring attendance at the school applied for rather than any other school. Such needs must be supported, at the time of application, by reports or letters from suitable professionals such as GPs, consultants or social workers. Circumstances cannot be taken into account unless information is provided at the time of application and failure to provide such information at that stage may therefore affect whether or not the children are allocated places at the preferred schools. All information submitted will be regarded as confidential.
- iii) Children who have siblings (by which is meant full, step-, half- and adopted siblings living in the same household) at the same school or attached infant school in Reception to Year 6 at the point of admission;
- iv) \*\*Places will be offered to children attending the “paired” infant school;
- v) Children who live nearest to the school, measured by the shortest route by road and/or maintained footpath from the property to the nearest pedestrian school gate used by the relevant year-group. Accessibility of private or public transport will not be considered. All distances will be measured using the Council’s geographical information system.

Note:

Criterion iv)\*\* will only apply until 31 August 2018 when the applicant will have left the infant school.

*Criteria for community nursery schools:*

3. If there are more applications received than available places, they will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria in order of priority:
  - i) places will be offered firstly to Looked After Children i.e. children who are looked after by a public authority and are in public care, and previously looked after children who were adopted, or subject to a residence order, or special guardianship order, immediately following having been looked after. Applications made under this criterion must be accompanied by details of circumstance and professionally supported evidence (e.g. from a social worker);

- ii) Children who have an exceptional medical or social need requiring attendance at the school applied for rather than any other school. Such needs must be supported, at the time of application, by reports or letters from suitable professionals such as GPs, consultants or social workers. Circumstances cannot be taken into account unless information is provided at the time of application and failure to provide such information at that stage may therefore affect whether or not the children are allocated places at the preferred schools. All information submitted will be regarded as confidential.
- iii) Children who have siblings (by which is meant full, step-, half- and adopted siblings living in the same household) at the same infant or primary school in Reception to Year 6 at the point of admission;
- iv) Children who live nearest to the school, measured by the shortest route by road and/or maintained footpath from the property to the nearest pedestrian school gate used by the relevant year-group. Accessibility of private or public transport will not be considered. All distances will be measured using the Council's geographical information system.

**Notes on the admissions criteria for community schools:**

- i. Any offer of a place on the grounds of distance must be based on the child's permanent address. A business address, a childminder's address, or any address other than the child's permanent home will not be accepted. Proof of address will be sought and may be the subject of further investigation. Temporary addresses will not be used for the purpose of administering applications.
- ii. Paths through car parks, cemeteries, golf courses and other enclosed spaces will not be used.
- iii. Late applications will **not** be processed until after all on time applications.
- iv. The local authority's Fair Access Panel may make placements, over the admission number if the school is full, for children who are deemed to be 'hard to place'.
- v. If there are more applicants within each criterion, distance from home to school will be used as a tie-breaker and will be measured using the computerised geographical information system. For applicants from the same block of flats or who live the same distance from the school, random selection by the drawing of lots is used as a final tie-breaker.

**Under community school admissions criteria the definition of Looked After Children and previously looked after children is as follows:**

Children who are (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 in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989, at the time an application for a school is made;

### **Previously Looked After Children** are defined as:

Children who were previously looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (under the Adoption Act 1976 or Adoption and Childrens Act 2002), or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.

### **Use of a final tie-breaker**

4. The distance from home to school, criterion, is used as a 'tie-breaker' if there are more applications than places available under any higher criteria. For applicants from the same block of flats, or who live the same distance from the school, random selection by the drawing of lots is used as a final tie-breaker.
5. If a parent applies for entry into the same year group for more than one child and there is only one place available, random selection by the drawing of lots will be used as a final tie-breaker to decide which child should have the place. The names of the remaining brothers or sisters will be added to the waiting list in accordance with criterion (iii).

### **Waiting lists for community schools**

6. The child's name will automatically be put on the waiting list, in criteria order, of any school which is a higher preference to the school he/she has been offered.
7. A parent/carer may ask for their child's name to be added to the waiting list of a lower preference school to the one the child has been offered, or one that they did not originally name as a preference. His/her name will be added to the waiting list in criteria order.
8. The names of late applicants will be added to waiting lists in criteria order regardless of the date the application was received.
9. Waiting lists for community schools will be kept open throughout the academic year until the end of the summer term in July 2018. After this date, waiting lists will be disbanded and parents who would like their child's name to remain on any waiting list will need to request this in writing.

### **Applying for entry into the reception class of a primary or infant school**

10. For children currently attending a school nursery, parents/carers must complete an application form for entry into the Reception class even if the child attends the nursery class at the same school. Priority is not given to children who attend the nursery class in the same school. This is to ensure that parents who place their children in other kinds of nursery, or do not use a nursery, are treated fairly when applying for a school place for their child.

### **Deferred entry or part-time attendance in Reception year**

11. Parents can defer their child's entry to school until later in the school year or to attend part-time, but only until the child reaches compulsory school age in that school year i.e. the latest their child can start school is at the beginning of the summer term 2018. Once a place has been offered, parents can confirm the arrangements with the Head teacher of the school.

### **Admission outside of the child's normal age group**

12. Parents seeking admission to an age group outside of their child's normal age group must still make an application for a school place by the closing date of 15 January 2017. They will also need to submit a separate written request and may provide supporting documentation should they wish to do so.
13. Each request will be carefully considered and a decision will be made on the individual merits of each case. The decision will take into account parents' views, information about their child's academic, social and emotional development, their medical history and the views of a medical professional, if applicable. Consideration will be given to whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely and whether they have previously been educated outside of their normal age group. Views of senior school staff, the manager of their current early years setting and other professionals will also be taken into account.
14. For summer born children, if it is agreed that they can be educated in a younger year group, parents will need to re-apply in the following year for entry into Reception in September 2018.

### **Children with Special Educational Needs**

15. If a child is undergoing a statutory assessment of special educational needs and a parent/carer does not know what the outcome will be by the closing date of application, they should apply for a school place using the common application form. If a particular school is later named in the child's Statement of Special Educational Needs, a place will be provided automatically for the child at that school.

### **Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)**

16. If a child has an EHCP, he/she will be offered a place at the school named in their EHCP, in accordance with the Education Act 1996 and the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice.

## ADMISSIONS NUMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017/2018

### Primary School Admission Numbers for September 2017/2018

The numbers are as follows:

School	Admission No
Barnes Primary	60
Buckingham Primary	90
Carlisle Infant	90
Chase Bridge Primary	90
Collis Primary	90
Darell Primary	60
East Sheen Primary	60
Hampton Hill Junior	90
Hampton Infant	90
Hampton Junior	90
Hampton Wick Infant	90
Heathfield Infant	120
Heathfield Junior	120
Kew Riverside Primary	30
Lowther Primary	60
Marshgate Primary	60
Meadlands Primary	30
Orleans Primary	60
The Russell Primary	30
Sheen Mount Primary	90
Stanley Primary	120
Trafalgar Infant	90

Trafalgar Junior	90
The Vineyard Primary	90

### **Co-ordinated Secondary School Admission Arrangements**

17. The co-ordinated scheme for secondary admissions for September 2017 is attached as Appendix 1 and does not differ significantly from the LA's scheme for 2016 admissions except in the dates of the commonly agreed timetable.

### **Co-ordinated Primary School Admission Arrangements**

18. The co-ordinated scheme for primary admissions for September 2017 is attached as Appendix 2 and does not differ significantly from the LA's scheme for 2016 admissions except in the dates of the commonly agreed timetable.



**THE LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES  
SCHEME FOR COORDINATED SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS  
IN SEPTEMBER 2017**

The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Local Authority (LA) will be administering admissions to secondary schools in accordance with the Pan London Coordinated Admissions scheme. This scheme has been adopted by all London boroughs and adjacent LAs including Surrey County Council, that have agreed to use a common scheme that incorporates a common timetable and application forms which have common elements. All participating LAs allow parents to nominate up to six schools in preference order. It is hoped that the commonality of the schemes adopted by all participating authorities will help simplify the application procedure and processing, and help to achieve some equity of treatment for applicants to secondary schools across the Pan London Region.

**Glossary of terms in the scheme**

“the Application Year”	the academic year in which the parent makes an application i.e. in relation to the academic year of entry, the year preceding it
“the Board”	the Pan London Admissions Executive Board, which is responsible for the Scheme
“the Business User Guide (BUG)”	the document issued annually to participating LAs setting out the operational procedures of the Scheme
“the Common Application Form”	this is the form that each LA must have under the Regulations for parents to use to make their applications, set out in rank order
“the London E-Admissions Portal”	the common online application system used by the 33 London LAs and Surrey County Council
“the Equal Preference System”	the model whereby all preferences listed by parents on the Common Application Form are considered under the over-subscription criteria for each school without reference to parental rankings. Where a pupil is offered a place at more than one school within an LA, the rankings are used to determine the single offer by selecting the one ranked highest of those which can offer a place
“the Home LA”	the LA in which the applicant/parent/carer is resident
“the Local Admission System (LAS)”	the IT module for administering admissions in each LA and for determining the highest offer both within and between participating LAs
“the Maintaining LA”	the LA which maintains a school to which an applicant/parent/carer has applied
“the Notification Letter”	the agreed form of letter sent to applicants on the Prescribed Day which communicates decisions granting or refusing admission to a secondary school, which is attached as Schedule 2
“the Prescribed Day” the day on which	1 <sup>st</sup> March in the year following the relevant determination year except that, in any year which that

outcome letters are posted to parents/carers.	day is not a working day, the prescribed day shall be the next working day
“the Pan-London Register (PLR)”	the database which will transmit application and offer data between each LA’s local admission system
“the Pan-London Timetable”	the framework for processing of application data
“the Qualifying Scheme”	the scheme which each LA is required to formulate in accordance with the School Admissions (Coordination of Admission Arrangements) Regulations 2008 for coordinating arrangements for the admission of pupils to maintained secondary schools and academies

## Applications

1. Applications from Richmond’s residents will be made on Richmond’s Common Application Form, which will be available in paper form and online. This will include all the fields and information specified in Schedule 2 (attached) to this LA Scheme. These will be supplemented by any additional fields and information deemed necessary by this LA.
2. This LA will advise Home LAs of their resident pupils on the roll of this LA’s primary schools and whose parents are eligible to make application in the forthcoming application year.
3. This LA will take reasonable steps to ensure that every parent who has a child in the last year of primary education within a state funded school, and is a resident in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (LBR), is made aware of the secondary application process and is signposted to LBR’s Secondary School brochure and supplementary information forms for LBR schools. The brochure and supplementary information forms will also be available to parents who are non-residents of this LA and will include information on how they can access their Home LA’s Common Application Form.
4. Applicants will be able to express a preference for up to six maintained secondary schools and academies within and/or outside the Home LA (including any City Technical Colleges that have agreed to participate in their LA’s Qualifying Scheme).
5. The admission authorities within this LA will not use supplementary information forms except where the information is required to apply the published over-subscription criteria and the information available through the Common Application Form is not sufficient for consideration of the application against a school’s published admissions criteria. The LA will seek to ensure admission authorities within its area only collect information that is required by the published admissions criteria, in accordance with the School Admissions Code.

6. Where supplementary information forms are used, information on how to access the forms will be made available on the LBR website. Parents will be advised in the Secondary Schools booklet which schools require these forms to be completed, where to obtain the forms and to return the supplementary information forms direct to the school by the closing date. The supplementary information forms must also advise parents that they must also complete their Home LA's Common Application Form, in accordance with the School Admissions Code.
7. In accordance with paragraph 2.3 of the School Admissions Code, the order of preference given on the Common Application Form will not be revealed except where a parent resident in this LA expresses a preference for schools in the area of another LA, the order of preference for that LA's schools will be given to that LA so that it can determine the highest ranked preference in cases where a child is eligible for a place at more than one school in that LA's area.
8. Where a school receives a supplementary information form it will not be regarded as a valid application unless the parent has completed their Home LA's Common Application Form and the school is nominated on it. This is in accordance with paragraph 2.3 of the School Admissions Code.
9. Where a Common Application Form has been completed, but not a supplementary information form, the preference is still valid and will be considered. However, parents will be advised in the "Which Secondary School" booklet that not submitting a completed supplementary information form to schools which require supplementary information to apply their admissions criteria, may reduce their child's chance of being offered a place because the school's criteria cannot be fully applied.
10. Richmond LA undertakes to carry out the address verification process set out in its secondary school Admission booklet and in the Business User Guide and in LIAAG's Address Verification Register. This will, in all cases, include validation of resident applicants in accordance with described processes, including this LA's primary school data and the further investigation of any discrepancy. Where this LA is not satisfied with the validity of an applicant whose preference has been sent to a maintaining LA, it will advise the maintaining LA no later than **9 December 2016**.
11. Richmond LA will confirm the status of any resident child for whom it receives a Common Application Form stating that he/she is a "Looked After Child" or previously looked after child and will provide evidence to the maintaining LA in respect of a preference for a school in its area by **11 November 2016**.
12. Richmond LA will advise a maintaining LA of the reason for any preference for a school in its area, in respect of a resident child born outside of the correct age range for the cohort, and forward any supporting documentation to the maintaining LA by **11 November 2016**.

13. This LA will share the details of each application with own admission authority schools within RBK to enable schools to apply their admissions criteria.
14. Schools which receive Common Application Forms in error must inform the LA and send the forms to the LA as soon as possible. If the LA receives supplementary information forms in error, it must send them to the schools as soon as possible.

### Processing

15. Applicants resident within Richmond LA must return the Common Application Form, which will be available and able to be submitted online, to this LA by **31 October 2016**. However this LA will publish information which encourages applicants to submit their applications by **21 October 2016 (i.e. Friday before half term)**, to allow sufficient time to process and check all applications before the mandatory date when data must be sent to the PLR.
16. Supplementary information forms, where they apply, must be returned to the school by the closing date, which must be specified on the supplementary information form.
17. Application data relating to all preferences to schools in participating LAs, which have been expressed within the terms of this LA's scheme, will be up-loaded to the PLR by **11 November 2016**. Supplementary information forms provided with the Common Application Form will be sent to the maintaining LA by the same date.
18. In consultation with the admission authorities within this LA's area and within the framework of the Pan-London timetable, the timetable attached has been drawn up for the processing of application data and the application of admissions criteria. This may be subject to alteration prior to the implementation of this scheme to reflect any required change under Pan London arrangements.
19. Between **15 November and 21 November 2016**, this LA will check the application data received via the PLR and prepare details of applicants to be sent to own admission authority schools by **23 November 2016**.
20. This LA will participate in the data checking exercise to be scheduled between **12 December 2016 and 3 January 2017** in the Pan London timetable.
21. All preferences for schools within this LA will be considered and ranked by the relevant admission authorities between **24 November 2016 and 9 January 2017** for entry in **September 2017**.
22. By **10 January 2017**, all admission authorities within LBR will have provided a list of applicants in criteria order to this LA, and this LA will, for

each applicant who has qualified for more than one potential offer, use the highest ranked preference to decide which single potential offer to make. (this is the “Equal Preference System”).

### Late Applications

23. This LA will only accept late applications and treat them as equivalent to applications received by the closing date if the parent(s) move into The London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames after the closing date and can provide documentary evidence confirming this or if there are exceptional reasons why the application is late. Each late application will be considered separately and on its own merits. Any such applications will need to be received by **9 December 2016**, to enable them to be considered alongside applications received earlier.
24. Where such applications contain preferences for schools in other LAs, this LA will forward the details to maintaining LAs via the PLR as they are received. This LA will accept late applications which are considered to be on time within the terms of the Home LA’s scheme.
25. Where a parent moves from one participating Home LA to another after submitting an on-time application under the terms of the former Home LA’s scheme, the new Home LA will accept the applications as on time up to **9 December 2016**, on the basis that an on-time application already exists within the Pan London System.
26. Where a parent moves within the borough and wishes to change their preferences to include schools closer to their new Home address, any such applications will need to be received by **9 December 2016**, to enable them to be considered alongside applications received earlier.
27. The latest date for the upload of late applications **which are considered to be on-time within the terms of the Home LA’s scheme to the PLR is 9 December 2016**.
28. Any late applications received after **9 December 2016 but before 1 March 2017** will not be considered in the initial allocation round and will be considered after all the on-time applications are processed.

### Exchange of Offers Data via PLR

29. This LA will carry out all reasonable checks to ensure that pupil rankings are correctly held in its LAS before uploading data to the PLR.
30. This LA will upload the highest potential offer (ALT File) available to an applicant for a maintained school in this LA to the PLR by **31 January 2017**. The PLR will transmit the highest potential offer made by the maintaining LA to the Home LA.

31. The local admissions system (LAS) of this LA, as the Home LA for Richmond parents, will eliminate all but the highest ranked offer where an applicant has more than one potential offer across the maintaining LAs for whose school(s) he/she has applied (provided that those LAs each submit this information within the deadline to the PLR). This will involve exchanges of preference outcomes between the LAS and the PLR (in accordance with the iterative timetable published in the BUG) which will continue until a steady state is achieved (which the PLR will indicate), or until **14 February 2017** if this is sooner.
32. Notwithstanding paragraph 31, if an error is identified within the allocation of places at one of this LA's schools/academies, this LA will attempt to manually resolve the allocation to correct the error. Where this impacts on another LA (either as a Home or maintaining LA), this LA will liaise with that LA to attempt to resolve the correct offer and any multiple offers which might occur. However, if another LA is unable to resolve a multiple offer, or if the impact is too far reaching, this LA will accept that the applicant(s) affected might receive a multiple offer.
33. This LA will participate in the offer data checking exercise scheduled between **15 and 22 February 2017** in the Pan London timetable.
34. This LA will send a file to the E-Admissions portal with outcomes for all residents who have applied online no later than **23 February 2017**.

### **National Offer Day – 1 March 2017**

35. On **1 March 2017**, this LA will send out by first class post, notification of the outcome to resident applicants. This LA will inform all resident applicants of their highest offer of a school place and where relevant, the reasons why higher preferences were not offered, whether these were for schools in the Home LA or in other participating LAs.
36. Richmond parents whose children do not qualify for a place at any of the schools they apply for (in any LA) will be offered an alternative school on the national offer day (1 March) if at all possible. This school will be the nearest non-selective school to the Home address with places remaining for boys and/or girls (as applicable). Allocation will be made in accordance with the school's admission criteria and in consultation with the school's admission authority. These parents will also be offered the opportunity to make late applications to schools to which they did not originally apply.
37. Details of the pupils to be offered will be made available to each Richmond primary and secondary school on **1 March 2017**.
38. This LA's outcome letter will include the information set out in Schedule 2.

39. This LA will provide primary schools with a final destination data of its resident applicants before the end of the summer term 2017.
40. All initial and subsequent offers will be made by the Home LA throughout the coordinated admissions process and not by schools.

### Post-offer Date Arrangements

41. Parents must accept or decline the offer of a place by **15 March 2017**, or within two weeks of any subsequent offer. If they do not respond by this date, the LA will make every reasonable effort to contact the parent to find out whether or not they wish to accept or decline the place. Only where the parent fails to respond and the LA can demonstrate that every reasonable effort has been made to contact the parent, will the place be withdrawn.
42. Where an applicant resident accepts or declines a place in a school maintained by another LA by **15 March 2017**, this LA will forward the information to the maintaining LA by **22 March 2017**. Where such information is received after **15 March 2017**, this LA will pass it to the maintaining LA as and when it is received.
43. Where a place becomes available in an oversubscribed maintained school or academy in this LA's area, it will be offered from the waiting list ordered in accordance with paragraph 2.14 of the School Admissions Code.
44. When acting as a maintaining LA, this LA will inform the Home LA, where different, of an offer for a maintained school or Academy in this LA's area which can be made to an applicant resident in the Home LA's area, in order that the Home LA can offer the place.
45. When acting as a maintaining LA, this LA and the admission authorities within it will not inform an applicant resident in another LA that a place can be offered.
46. When acting as a Home LA, this LA will offer a place at a maintained school or Academy in the area of another LA to an applicant resident in its area, provided that the school is ranked higher on the Common Application Form than any school already offered.
47. When acting as a Home LA, when this LA is informed by a maintaining LA of an offer which can be made to an applicant resident in this LA's area which is ranked lower on the Common Application Form than any school already offered, it will inform the maintaining LA that the offer will not be made.
48. When acting as a Home LA, when this LA has agreed to a change of preference order for good reason, it will inform any maintaining LA affected by the change. In such cases, paragraphs 43 and 44 shall apply to the revised order of preferences.

49. When acting as a maintaining LA, this LA will inform the Home LA, where different, of any change to an applicant's offer status as soon as it occurs.
50. When acting as a maintaining LA, this LA will accept new applications (including additional preferences) from Home LAs for maintained schools and academies in its area.

### Waiting List Arrangements

51. The letter notifying parents of the outcome of their application will also inform them that their child's name will be automatically placed on the waiting list for higher preference schools in Richmond than the one offered.
52. Parents with a higher preference offer can request that their child's name is added to waiting lists for lower preference schools and his/her name will be added in criteria order.
53. Waiting lists for community schools will be held in criteria order (regardless of when an application is received) until the end of the academic year in July 2018. After this date, community school waiting lists will be disbanded and parents will have to request in writing to have their child's name added to a waiting list for any community school.
54. For own admission authority schools and academies, waiting lists will be maintained and places allocated, as they become available, in accordance with each admission authority's published admission arrangements.
55. All further offers from the waiting list will be made by the Home LA after Richmond School Admissions has communicated with the Richmond school to confirm the next child on the waiting list to be offered a place.
56. Parents will be advised that if they want to go on the waiting list for an out borough school they should contact their Home LA.
57. Where a vacancy occurs and a place can be offered from the waiting list, this LA will liaise with the admission authority for the school before advising the parent/carer or Home LA of the offer.
58. For residents of this borough, this LA will check for alternative offers and, if the child has a multiple offer, will give parents two weeks to decide which offer they wish to accept. (For non-residents, this LA will advise the Home LA of any multiple offers). The outcome will be shared with each affected school and/or LA as appropriate.
59. Applications received after **1 March 2017**, will be added to community school waiting lists or passed on to the relevant admissions authority as appropriate.



**In Year Admissions**

60. In-Year admissions i.e. the admission of children after the normal age of admission to a school, will be administered in accordance with the agreed In-Year Admissions scheme and the Pan London Protocols. For over-subscribed year groups waiting lists will be maintained according to the published admissions criteria for the academy/school.

**SCHEDULE 1**  
**RICHMOND COORDINATED SECONDARY ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS**  
**2017/2018**

**(VERSION 1 AS AT 4 SEPTEMBER 2015)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>2016</b>	
June	Publicity for Year 5 parents
June – 31 August	Exchange data on out-borough resident Year 5 pupils in LA maintained schools
26 September	Start of Open Evenings for LBR secondary schools
31 October	Closing date for applications
11 November	Deadline for ADT files to PLR
15 – 21 November	LA to check ADT data before passing onto academies/admission authority schools
23 November	Application data passed to academies/admission authority schools
24 Nov 2016 – 9 Jan 2017	Admission authorities process applications against admissions criteria process applications for Community Schools
9 December	Final date for receipt of “on-time” applications
12 December 2016 – 3 January 2017	Checking of applicant data
<b>2017</b>	
10 January	Ranked lists containing all applicants received by LA from academies
From 31 January – 14 February	Sending/receiving of potential offers via PLR to out of borough LAs to identify single offer
14 February	Final ALT file to PLR
15 – 22 February	Checking of offer data
23 February	Deadline for online ALT file to portal
1 March	Send outcomes of applications to resident parents/guardians and inform LBR schools of final offers
15 March	Return of reply slips
22 March	Deadline of transfer of acceptances/declines to maintaining LAs

## **SCHEDULE 2**

This LA's Common Application Form will contain the following data fields as a minimum:

### **Child's details:**

Surname  
First name  
Middle name  
Date of Birth  
Gender  
Home address  
Name of current primary school  
Address of primary school (if outside Home LA)

### **Parent/Carer details:**

Title  
Surname  
First name/initials  
Address (if different to child's address)  
Telephone Number (Home, Daytime, Mobile)  
Email address  
Relationship to child

### **Details of each school given as a preference (up to a maximum of six):**

Name of secondary school  
Address of secondary school  
Preference ranking  
Local Authority in which school is based  
DE Number of secondary school

### **Additional information:**

- Reasons for preferences (including any particular family, social or medical needs)
- Does the applicant have a Statement of Special Educational Needs?
- Is the applicant a child in public care?  
If yes, name of local authority responsible for the child
- If the applicant has sibling(s), name of school sibling(s) attend
- Surname of Sibling
- Forename of Sibling
- DOB of Sibling
- Name of school sibling attends

### **Other**

- Signature of parent or guardian
- Date of signature

## **Appendix 1**

- Where a school for which the applicant has applied requires further information to apply its admission criteria, parents are advised to complete such supplementary information forms.

PAN-LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSIONS SCHEME

SCHEDULE 2

Template Outcome Letter for Admissions to Year 7 and Reception in 2017/2018

From: Home LA  
Date: **1 March 2017 (sec)**  
**18 April 2017 (prim)**

Dear Parent,

Application for a Secondary / Primary School

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**THE LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES  
SCHEME FOR COORDINATED PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS  
IN SEPTEMBER 2017**

The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Local Authority (LA) will be administering admissions to primary schools in accordance with the Pan London Coordinated Admissions scheme. This scheme has been adopted by all participating London boroughs that have agreed to use a common scheme that incorporates a common timetable and application forms which have common elements. Parents will be allowed to nominate up to six schools in preference order. It is hoped that the commonality of the schemes adopted by all participating authorities will help simplify the application procedure and processing, and help to achieve some equity of treatment for applicants to primary/academies across the London Region.

**Glossary of terms in the scheme**

“the Application Year”	the academic year in which the parent makes an application i.e. in relation to the academic year of entry, the year preceding it
“the Board”	the Pan London Admissions Executive Board, which is responsible for the Scheme
“the BUG – Business User Guide”	the document issued to participating LAs setting out the operational procedures of the Scheme
“the Common Application Form”	this is the form that each LA must have under the Regulations for parents to use to make their applications, set out in rank order
“the London E-Admissions Portal”	the common online application system used by the 33 London LAs and Surrey County Council
“the Equal Preference System”	the model whereby all preferences listed by parents on the Common Application Form are considered under the over-subscription criteria for each school without reference to parental rankings. Where a pupil is offered a place at more than one school within an LA, the rankings are used to determine the single offer by selecting the one ranked highest of those which can offer a place
“the Home LA”	the LA in which the applicant/parent/carer is resident
“the LIAAG Address Verification Register”	the document containing the address verification policy of each participating LA
“the Local Admission System (LAS)”	the IT module for administering admissions in each LA and for determining the highest offer both within and between participating LAs
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“the Maintaining LA”	the LA which maintains a school to which an applicant/parent/carer has applied
“the Notification Letter”	the agreed form of letter sent to applicants which communicates decisions granting or refusing admission to a primary school, which is attached as Schedule 2
“the Prescribed Day” the day on which	18 April in the year following the relevant determination year except that, in any year in which that day is not a

outcome letters are posted to parents/carers.	working day, the prescribed day shall be the next working day
“the Pan-London Register (PLR)”	the database which will transmit application and offer data between each LA’s local admission system
“the Pan-London Timetable”	the framework for processing of application data
“the Qualifying Scheme”	the scheme which each LA is required to formulate in accordance with the School Admissions (Coordination of Admission Arrangements) Regulations 2008 for co-ordinating arrangements for the admission of pupils to maintained primary schools and academies

## Applications

1. Applications from Richmond’s residents will be made on Richmond’s Common Application Form, which will be available online and in paper form. This will include all the fields and information specified in Schedule 2 (attached) to this LA Scheme. These will be supplemented by any additional fields and information deemed necessary by this LA.
2. This LA will take reasonable steps to ensure that information about applying for a primary school and the primary admissions booklet will be available through primary schools, libraries, pre-school groups; and will include information on how parents/carers can access their Home LA’s Common Application Form.
3. The admission authorities within this LA will not use supplementary information forms except where the information is required to apply the published over-subscription criteria and the information available through the Common Application Form is not sufficient for consideration of the application against a school’s published admissions criteria. The LA will seek to ensure admission authorities within its area only collect information that is required by the published over-subscription criteria, in accordance with paragraph 2.4 of the School Admissions Code 2012.
4. Where supplementary information forms are used, these will be made available from the relevant primary school. Parents will be advised in the booklet which schools/academies require these forms to be completed, where to obtain the forms and to return the supplementary information forms direct to the school by the closing date. The supplementary information forms must also advise parents that they must also complete their Home LA’s Common Application Form, in accordance with the School Admissions Code.
5. Where a school receives a supplementary information form it will not be regarded as a valid application unless the parent has completed their Home LA’s Common Application Form and the school is nominated on it. This is in accordance with the School Admissions Code.



6. Schools which receive Common Application Forms in error must inform the LA and send the forms to the LA as soon as possible. If the LA receives supplementary information forms in error, it must send them to the schools as soon as possible.
7. Applicants will be able to express a preference for up to six maintained primary schools or academies within and/or outside the Home LA. Applicants will be advised that they will receive no more than one offer of a school place on **18 April 2017**.
8. The order of preference given on the Common Application Form will not be revealed except where a parent resident in this LA expresses a preference for schools in the area of another LA, the order of preference for that LA's schools/academies will be given to that LA so that it can determine the highest ranked preference in cases where a child is eligible for a place at more than one school in that LA's area.
9. Where a Common Application Form has been completed, but not a supplementary information form, the preference is still valid and will be considered. However, parents will be advised in the Primary Admissions booklet that not submitting a completed supplementary information form to schools/academies which require supplementary information to apply their admissions criteria, may reduce their child's chance of being offered a place because the school's criteria cannot be fully applied.
10. Richmond LA undertakes to carry out the address verification process set out in its primary school admissions booklet and its entry in the Pan London and LIAAG Business User Guide. This will, in all cases, include validation of addresses in accordance with described processes and investigation of any discrepancy. Where this LA is not satisfied with the validity of an applicant whose preference has been sent to a maintaining LA, it will advise the maintaining LA no later than **13 February 2017**.
11. Richmond LA will confirm the status of any resident child for whom it receives a Common Application Form stating that he/she is a "Looked After Child" and will provide confirmation to the maintaining LA in respect of a preference for a school in its area by **1 February 2017**.
12. Richmond LA will advise a maintaining LA of the reason for any preference for a school in its area, in respect of a resident child born outside of the correct age range for the cohort, and forward any supporting documentation to the maintaining LA by **1 February 2017**.
13. This LA will share the details of each application with own admission authority schools within LBR to enable schools to apply their admissions criteria.

## Processing (including Late Applications)

14. Applicants resident within Richmond LA must return the Common Application Form, which will be available and able to be submitted online, to this LA by the closing date of **15 January 2017**. Supplementary information forms, where they apply, must be returned to the school by the closing date of **15 January 2017**, which must be specified on the supplementary information form.
15. Application data relating to preferences for schools/academies in other participating LAs, which have been expressed within the terms of this LA's scheme, will be up-loaded to the PLR by **1 February 2017**. Supplementary information forms provided with the Common Application Form will be sent to the maintaining LA by the same date.
16. This LA will participate in the checking of applicant data between **17 February and 23 February 2017** in the Pan London timetable.
17. This LA will only accept late applications and treat them as equivalent to applications received by the closing date if the parent(s) move into the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames after the closing date and can provide documentary evidence confirming this or if there are exceptional reasons why the application is late. Each late application will be considered separately and on its own merits. Any such applications will need to be received by **10 February 2017**, to enable them to be considered alongside applications received earlier.
18. Where such applications contain preferences for schools/academies in other LAs, this LA will forward the details to maintaining LAs via the PLR as they are received. This LA will accept late applications which are considered to be on time within the terms of the Home LA's scheme and pass them on to LBRUT schools/academies for ranking as on time applications.
19. The latest date for the upload to the PLR of late applications which are considered to be on-time within the terms of the Home LA's scheme is **10 February 2017**.
20. Where a parent moves from one participating Home LA to another after submitting an on-time application under the terms of the former Home LA's scheme, the new Home LA will accept the applications as on time up to **10 February 2017**, on the basis that an on-time application already exists within the Pan London System.
21. Where a parent moves within the borough and wishes to change their preferences to include schools/academies closer to their new Home address, any such applications will need to be received by **10 February 2017**, to enable them to be considered alongside applications received earlier.

22. The latest date for the upload to the PLR of late applications **which are considered to be on-time within the terms of the Home LA's scheme, is 10 February 2017.**
23. Any late applications received after **10 February 2017 but before 18 April 2017** will not be considered in the initial allocation round and will be considered after all the on-time applications are processed.
24. In consultation with the school admission authorities within Richmond LA's area and within the framework of the Pan-London timetable, the draft timetable attached has been drawn up for the processing of application data and the application of admissions criteria. This may be subject to alteration prior to the implementation of this scheme to reflect any required change under Pan London arrangements.
25. Between **17 and 23 February 2017**, this LA will check applicant data received via the PLR and prepare details of applicants to be sent to own admission authority schools/academies by **24 February 2017.**
26. All preferences for schools/academies within this LA will be considered by the relevant admission authorities between **24 February and 6 March 2017** for entry in September **2017.**
27. By **7 March 2017**, all admission authorities within the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames will have provided a list of applicants in criteria order to this LA and this LA shall, for each applicant who has qualified for more than one potential offer, use the highest ranked preference to decide which single potential offer to make (this is the "Equal Preference System").
28. **Between 7 March 2017 and 13 March 2017**, this LA will carry out all reasonable checks to ensure that pupil rankings are correctly held in its LAS (local admissions system) before uploading data to the PLR.
29. This LA will upload the highest potential offer (ALT File) available to an applicant for a maintained school in this LA to the PLR by **13 March 2017.** The PLR will transmit the highest potential offer made by the maintaining LA to the Home LA.
30. The local admissions system (LAS) of this LA, as the Home LA for Richmond parents, will eliminate all but the highest ranked offer where an applicant has more than one potential offer across the maintaining LAs for whose school(s) he/she has applied (provided that those LAs each submit this information within the deadline to the PLR). This will involve exchanges of preference outcomes between the LAS and the PLR (in accordance with the iterative timetable published in the BUG) which will continue until a steady state is achieved (which the PLR will indicate), or until **20 March 2017** if this is sooner.

31. Richmond LA will not make an additional offer between the end of the iterative process and **18 April 2017**, which may impact on an offer being made by another participating LA.
32. Notwithstanding paragraph 30, if an error is identified within the allocation of places at one of this LA's schools/academies, this LA will attempt to manually resolve the allocation to correct the error. Where this impacts on another LA (either as a Home or maintaining LA), this LA will liaise with that LA to attempt to resolve the correct offer and any multiple offers which might occur. However, if another LA is unable to resolve a multiple offer, or if the impact is too far reaching, this LA will accept that the applicant(s) affected might receive a multiple offer.
33. This LA will participate in the offer data checking exercise scheduled between **20 March 2017 and 7 April 2017** in the Pan London timetable.
34. This LA will send a file to the E-Admissions portal with outcomes for all residents who have applied online no later than **11 April 2017**.

### Offers

35. On **18 April 2017**, this LA will send out by first class post notification of the outcome to resident applicants. This LA will inform all resident applicants of their highest offer of a school place and where relevant, the reasons why higher preferences were not offered, whether these were for schools/academies in the Home LA or in other participating LAs.
36. Richmond LA's outcome letter will include the information set out in Schedule 2
37. Richmond parents whose children do not qualify for a place at any of the schools/academies they apply for (in any LA) will be offered an alternative school on **18 April 2017**, if at all possible. This school will be the nearest school to the Home address with places remaining. Allocation will be made in accordance with the school's admission criteria and in consultation with the school's admission authority. These parents will also be offered the opportunity to make late applications to schools/academies to which they did not originally apply.
38. Details of the pupils to be offered will be made available to each Richmond primary school by **18 April 2017**.
39. All initial and subsequent offers will be made by the Home LA throughout the coordinated admissions process and not by schools.

### Post-offer Arrangements

40. Parents must accept or decline the offer of a place by **3 May 2017**, or within two weeks of any subsequent offer. If they do not respond by this date, the LA will make every reasonable effort to contact the parent to find out

whether or not they wish to accept or decline the place. Only where the parent fails to respond and the LA can demonstrate that every reasonable effort has been made to contact the parent, will the place be withdrawn.

41. Where an applicant resident accepts or declines a place in a school maintained by another LA by **3 May 2017**, this LA will forward the information to the maintaining LA by **12 May 2017**. Where such information is received after **3 May 2017**, this LA will pass it to the maintaining LA as and when it is received.
42. Where a place becomes available in an oversubscribed maintained school or academy in this LA's area, it will be offered by the Home LA from the waiting list ordered in accordance with paragraph 2.14 of the School Admissions Code 2012.
43. When acting as a maintaining LA, this LA will inform the Home LA, where different, of an offer for a maintained school or Academy in this LA's area which can be made to an applicant resident in the Home LA's area, in order that the Home LA can offer the place.
44. When acting as a maintaining LA, this LA and the admission authorities within it will not inform an applicant resident in another LA that a place can be offered.
45. When acting as a Home LA, this LA will offer a place at a maintained school or an academy in the area of another LA to an applicant resident in its area, provided that the school is ranked higher on the Common Application Form than any school already offered.
46. When acting as a Home LA, when this LA is informed by a maintaining LA of an offer which can be made to an applicant resident in this LA's area which is ranked lower on the Common Application Form than any school already offered, it will inform the maintaining LA that the offer will not be made.
47. When acting as a Home LA, when this LA has agreed to a change of preference order for good reason, it will inform any maintaining LA affected by the change. In such cases, paragraphs 44 and 45 shall apply to the revised order of preferences.
48. When acting as a maintaining LA, this LA will inform the Home LA, where different, of any change to an applicant's offer status as soon as it occurs.
49. When acting as a maintaining LA, this LA will accept new applications (including additional preferences) from Home LAs for maintained schools/academies in its area.

## Waiting List Arrangements

50. The letter, notifying parents of the outcome of their application, will also inform them that their child's name will be automatically placed on the waiting list for higher preference schools/academies in Richmond than the one offered.
- 51 Parents with a higher preference offer can request that their child's name is added to waiting lists for lower preference schools/academies and his/her name will be added in criteria order.
- 52 Waiting lists for community schools will be held in criteria order (regardless of when an application is received) until the end of the academic year in July 2018. After this date, all waiting lists will be disbanded and parents will have to request in writing to have their child's name added to a waiting list for any community school.
- 53 For Academies, Foundation, Voluntary–Aided, and Free Schools, waiting lists will be maintained and places allocated, as they become available, in accordance with each admission authority's published admission arrangements.
- 54 All further offers from the waiting list will be made by the Home LA after Richmond School Admissions has communicated with the Richmond school to confirm the next child on the waiting list to be offered a place.
- 55 Parents will be advised that if they want to go on the waiting list for an out-borough school they should contact their Home LA.
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- 58 Applications received after **18 April 2017**, will be added to community school waiting lists or passed on to the relevant admissions authority as appropriate.

## In-Year Admissions

- 59 In-Year admissions (overage admissions), i.e. the admission of children after the normal age of admission to a school, will be administered in accordance with the agreed In Year Scheme and the Pan London

## **Appendix 2**

Protocols. For over-subscribed year groups waiting lists will be maintained according to the published admissions criteria for the school.

## SCHEDULE 1

**RICHMOND COORDINATED PRIMARY ADMISSIONS 2017 TIMETABLE  
(AS AT 4 SEPTEMBER 2015)**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>2017</b>	
15 January	Statutory deadline for receipt of applications
1 February	Deadline for transfer of application data by Home LA to PLR
10 February	Final date for receipt of “on-time” applications and deadline for upload of files to PLR
17 – 23 February	Check final on time data
24 February	Pass application data to VA/Foundation schools/academies for ranking
24 Feb – 6 March	VA/Foundation schools/academies process applications against admissions criteria
7 March	Ranked lists containing all applicants received by LA from VA/Foundation schools/academies
7 - 13 March	LA – input and check ranked lists into admission system
13 March	Deadline for the transfer of the ALT file to PLR
13 – 20 March	Sending/receiving of potential offers and declines via PLR to out of borough LAs to identify single offer
20 March	Final ALT file to PLR
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18 April	Send outcomes of applications to resident parents/guardians and inform LBRuT schools/academies of final offers
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**SCHEDULE 2**

**PAN-LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSIONS SCHEME**

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First name  
Middle name  
Date of Birth  
Gender  
Home address  
Name of current school  
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Title  
Surname  
First name/initials  
Address (if different to child's address)  
Telephone Number (Home, Daytime, Mobile)  
Email address  
Relationship to child

**Preference details (x 6):**

Name of school

**Address of school**

Preference ranking  
Local authority in which the school is based

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Reasons for Preferences (including any medical or social reasons)  
Does the child have a statement of SEN? Y/N\*  
Is the child a 'Child Looked After'? Y/N

**If yes, name of responsible local authority**

**Surname of sibling**

Forename of sibling  
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**Other:**

Signature of parent or guardian  
Date of signature

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PAN-LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSIONS SCHEME

SCHEDULE 2

Template Outcome Letter for Admissions to Year 7 and Reception in 2017/2018

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