

# ‘What do I do next – my child has not been offered a place at my first preference primary school?’

## General advice

In all cases we recommend that you:

- **Accept the offer your child has received.** Accepting the offer does not stop an offer being considered for a school listed as a preference on your child's Common Application Form (CAF) later on, but it will secure a place for your child.
- Ask for your child's name to remain on the waiting list at any of the schools applied for.
- Contact Lambeth School Admissions Team after 10 May 2024 for details of any vacancies in Lambeth schools and apply for another school, if you wish.

**Q1: Why wasn't my child offered a place at any of the schools I selected on the Common Application Form (CAF) as a higher preference?**

**A:** For each of these schools there were more applications than places, and offers would have been made according to the school's published admissions criteria, and other children had a higher priority than your child under the school's published admission criteria.

**We strongly recommend that you accept the offer your child has received, and ask to remain on the waiting list for any higher preference schools, as there is no guarantee that you child will be offered a place at a school you listed as a higher preference on the CAF.**

Details about how offers were made for Lambeth schools will be published online via [lambeth.gov.uk/admissions](http://lambeth.gov.uk/admissions) shortly after 16 April 2024.

If you would like more information about the reason why your child was not offered a place at any of the schools you placed as a higher preference, you should contact the admissions authority that is responsible for allocating places at each school after details about offers have been published online.

- To speak to the admissions authority for Lambeth community schools or Oasis Academy Johanna please telephone 020 7926 9503 and speak to an officer in Lambeth School Admissions Team
- To speak to the admissions authority for a Lambeth foundation or voluntary-aided school or an academy please contact the school directly

Please see Table 1, which identifies the admissions status for Lambeth's schools.

Table 1

| Lambeth school                              | Type of school  | Admissions authority | Admissions authority telephone number |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Allen Edwards Primary School                | community       | Lambeth Council      | 020 7926 9503                         |
| Archbishop Sumner's CE Primary School       | voluntary-aided | School               | 020 7735 2781                         |
| Ashmole Primary School                      | community       | Lambeth Council      | 020 7926 9503                         |
| Bonneville Primary School                   | community       | Lambeth Council      | 020 7926 9503                         |
| Christ Church (Streatham) CE Primary School | academy         | School               | 020 8674 4308                         |
| Christ Church CE Primary School SW9         | voluntary-aided | School               | 020 7735 1343                         |
| Clapham Manor Primary School                | community       | Lambeth Council      | 020 7926 9503                         |
| Corpus Christi RC Primary School            | academy         | School               | 020 7274 4722                         |
| Crown Lane Primary School                   | community       | Lambeth Council      | 020 7926 9503                         |
| Dunraven Primary School                     | academy         | School               | 020 8696 5600                         |
| Elm Wood Primary School                     | community       | Lambeth Council      | 020 7926 9503                         |

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| Fenstanton Primary School                | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Glenbrook Primary School                 | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Granton Primary School                   | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Heathbrook Primary School                | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Henry Cavendish Primary School           | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Henry Fawcett Primary School             | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Herbert Morrison Primary School          | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Hill Mead Primary School                 | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Hitherfield Primary School               | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Holy Trinity CE Primary School           | voluntary-aided | School          | 020 8674 9051 |
| Immanuel and St Andrew CE Primary School | voluntary-aided | School          | 020 8679 5005 |
| Iqra Primary School                      | voluntary-aided | School          | 020 7622 3630 |
| Jessop Primary School                    | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Jubilee Primary School                   | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Julian's Primary School                  | foundation      | School          | 020 8761 1894 |
| Kings Avenue Primary School              | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Kingswood Primary School                 | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Larkhall Primary Campus                  | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Loughborough Primary School              | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Macaulay CE Primary School               | voluntary-aided | School          | 020 7622 1355 |
| Oasis Academy Johanna                    | academy         | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Orchard Primary School                   | voluntary-aided | School          | 020 8671 4400 |
| Paxton Primary School                    | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Reay Primary School                      | foundation      | School          | 020 7735 2978 |
| Richard Atkins Primary School            | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Rosendale Primary School                 | academy         | School          | 020 8670 4962 |
| St Andrew's CE Primary School            | voluntary-aided | School          | 020 7274 7012 |
| St Andrew's RC Primary School            | voluntary-aided | School          | 020 8769 4980 |
| St Anne's RC Primary School              | voluntary-aided | School          | 020 7735 4516 |
| St Bede's RC Infant School               | voluntary-aided | School          | 020 8674 7292 |
| St Helen's RC Primary School             | voluntary-aided | School          | 020 7274 4343 |
| St John the Divine CE Primary School     | voluntary-aided | School          | 020 7735 4898 |
| St John's Angell Town CE Primary School  | voluntary-aided | School          | 020 7274 4847 |
| St Jude's CE Primary School              | voluntary-aided | School          | 020 7274 2883 |
| St Leonard's CE Primary School           | academy         | School          | 020 8769 2712 |
| St Luke's CE Primary School              | academy         | School          | 020 8670 1981 |
| St Mark's CE Primary School              | voluntary-aided | School          | 020 7735 1467 |
| St Mary's RC Primary School              | voluntary-aided | School          | 020 7622 5479 |
| St Saviour's CE Primary School           | voluntary-aided | School          | 020 7274 7986 |
| St Stephen's CE Primary School           | voluntary-aided | School          | 020 7735 1023 |
| Stockwell Primary School                 | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Streatham Wells Primary School           | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Sudbourne Primary School                 | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Sunnyhill Primary School                 | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Telferscot Primary School                | community       | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Van Gogh Primary                         | academy         | School          | 020 7735 8348 |
| Vauxhall Primary School                  | foundation      | School          | 020 7735 4535 |

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| Walnut Tree Walk Primary School | community  | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Woodmansterne Primary School    | community  | Lambeth Council | 020 7926 9503 |
| Wyvil Primary School            | foundation | School          | 020 7622 1164 |

To check who the admissions authority is for a school in another borough, contact either the school directly or the School Admissions Team for the borough where the school is. Please see Table 2 for telephone numbers for neighbouring local authorities.

Table 2

| Local Authority     | Telephone number |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Bromley             | 020 8313 4044    |
| Croydon             | 020 8726 6400    |
| Lewisham            | 020 8314 8282    |
| Merton              | 020 8274 4906    |
| Southwark           | 020 7525 5337    |
| Wandsworth          | 020 8871 7316    |
| City of Westminster | 020 7745 6433    |

**Q2: Can I request that my child's name remains on the waiting list of any of the schools that I applied to but did not receive an offer from?**

**A: Yes.** Please contact the school's admissions authority for the schools concerned to request this - refer to Tables 1 and 2 for contact information. If you applied to a Lambeth community school (or Oasis Academy Johanna) your child's name will automatically be placed on the waiting list if it was a higher preference from the one received.

Please note that details of waiting list places will not be available immediately, as lists need to be reordered which may take a week or so to include late applications etc.

Please also be aware that waiting lists are maintained in accordance with the school's admissions criteria. Usually these are kept until 31 December 2024 (one term after the start of the new academic year). This is the case for Lambeth community schools. After this time a new In-Year application is required for your child's name to continue on the waiting list.

**Q3: If I accept the offer my child has been given now will this prevent him/her receiving a later offer at a school I prefer?**

**A: No.** We strongly recommend that you accept the offer your child has received now so that it is secured, as there is no guarantee that they will be offered a place at another school later on. **Please note that Lambeth Schools Admissions Team will not accept any rejections of offers until you are able to demonstrate that you have made alternative arrangements for your child's education, or if you have been made an offer elsewhere**

**Q4: Can I appeal against the decision to not offer my child a place at any of the schools I applied for?**

**A: Yes.** Under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, you have the right to appeal against the decision not to admit your child to a school. If you wish to appeal against the decision not to offer your child a place at the following schools:

- All Lambeth community schools
- Immanuel and St Andrew's CE Primary School
- Oasis Academy Johanna
- Orchard Primary School
- Reay Primary School

please contact the Clerk to the Independent Appeals Panel, Governance & Democracy, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 1-17, Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton Hill, London, SW2 1RW, Tel: 020 7926 2170, Email: [democracy@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@lambeth.gov.uk) to obtain an admission appeal information pack. Information can also be downloaded from the Council's website via [lambeth.gov.uk/admissions](http://lambeth.gov.uk/admissions)

**If you wish to appeal against the decision not to admit your child to any other primary school, you will need to contact the individual school(s) direct, to obtain information about how to appeal.**

If your application for a school place was submitted on time, appeals need to be lodged by **14 May 2024** for them to be heard before the summer holidays. For late applications, an appeal should be lodged within 20 school days of receipt of application outcome letter. Appeals lodged after these dates will be heard within 40 school days of the appeal deadline or 30 school days of being lodged, whichever is the later date.

For further information not covered in this Q&A sheet, you can contact an officer in the Lambeth School Admissions Team at [schooladmissions@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@lambeth.gov.uk) or 020 7926 9503.

### **Glossary of terms**

**Admissions authority** = the body responsible for the admission of children to a school.

**Admissions criteria** = the rules admissions authorities use to look at applications and to decide which children are given places at a school.

**Appeal** = This is a formal request to a "higher" body to review the action, procedure, or decision of an admissions authority, which did not offer a child a place at the school. For school appeals, this higher body would be an independent appeals panel). Pursuing an appeal does not guarantee a place will be offered at the school.

**Common Application Form (CAF)** = This is a pre-formatted paper or online form that parent/carers MUST complete in order to apply for a school place for their child. This online or paper form must be submitted to Lambeth School Admissions Team if this is the child's home Local Authority.

**Preference** = the school(s) parent/carers list on the CAF that they would like their child to attend. If parent/carers are applying for more than one school then these schools should be listed in the order of your preferred choice, i.e., the school you most want your child to attend as preference 1, your second choice as preference 2, and so on.

**Supplementary Information Form** = an additional information form that is required by some schools, mainly church schools, If a school requires this form to be completed then parent/carers MUST complete both the Common Application Form and the supplementary form.

**Waiting list** = the list of children who have applied to a particular school which was not able to make an offer at the time of application, but who are willing to place the child on this "list". Children who reject an offer will have their place filled by children on this list. This list is managed in line with the school's admissions criteria.