



# Common Application Form

primary school – reception class 2025/26

This form is **only** for children born between **01/09/20** and **31/08/21** and who are **Lambeth residents**

**Deadline: 15 January 2025**

**Apply on time! If you apply after 15 January 2025, the likelihood of gaining a place at your preferred school may be significantly reduced as your application will not be processed until after offers have been made to on time applicants.**

**Do not complete this form if you are applying online via [lambeth.gov.uk/admissions](https://lambeth.gov.uk/admissions)**

**CHILD'S NAME:** PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITAL LETTERS

DATE RECEIVED

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY / ID NO

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We have a statutory duty to process an application with a view to offering a school place in accordance with the Education Act 2002 and the School Admission Code 2021. We therefore require the form to be completed in full by an adult with parental responsibility for the child.

**This form is only for children born between 01/09/20 and 31/08/21, or where delayed entry has been agreed within the past year** (a copy of the letter confirming delayed entry was agreed must be attached). Using this form for children outside this age group will result in the form being invalid (and it will not be processed).

**Important address information**

The application address stated on your child’s Common Application Form (CAF) **must be the address where you and your child currently live** even if this is a temporary address. If you cannot prove that you and your child live at this address at the time the application is made then this will result in your child’s application being withdrawn and no offer made for your child on 16 April 2025. If your child lives between two homes, e.g., split custody for parents only, just one of the parental addresses can be used for the application and for distance purposes. The address must be agreed between both parents/ carers and is usually the address where the child benefit is paid to. Addresses of parents/carers will be checked against Lambeth Council Tax and benefits records.

**You must ensure that your application is submitted with proof of address for you and your child.** If proof of address is not attached, then this will delay the processing of your application.

All applications must be submitted with the required documents by 15 January 2025 at the very latest. Any application received after this date will be treated as a late application.

**Applications must be accompanied by at least one**

**of the following documents** to confirm the parent/carer’s name and address who submitted the application:

- Current financial year’s Council Tax letter or statement, this must be supplied if you are the council tax payer.
- Copy of your tenancy agreement. If this is a new address, supply a letter from solicitor confirming exchange of contracts or tenancy agreement.
- Copy of a benefit letter no more than 12 months old, or a current financial year’s Universal Credit letter/print-out which includes the child’s name.

**Then at least one of the following as well:**

- Copy of a benefit letter no more than 12 months old, or a current financial year’s Universal Credit letter/print-out which includes the child’s name – if not already provided from above list.
- Copy of current TV licence.
- Copy of current utility bill, no more than 3 months old.
- Driving Licence.

**Applications must include one of the following documents to confirm the child’s name and address:**

- Child Benefit letter for the current financial year (please copy all pages of the letter to include the home address on the first page and child’s name on the second page), or a current financial year’s Universal Credit letter/ print-out which includes the child’s name.
- Child’s National Health Service registration card, or a medical letter or prescription that is

no more than 12 months old.

- Immigration documents that show address – if applicable.
- Child Tax Credit Award notice for the current financial year (please copy all pages of the letter to include the home address on the first page and child’s name).

If none or only some of the documents can be obtained a sworn affidavit or affirmation, obtained through a Solicitor will be needed. This affidavit or affirmation must be signed by a Solicitor holding a current practising certificate issued by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and be stamped with the company stamp. It must state the parent and child(ren)’s full names and address, the date you started living at that address and the child(ren)’s date(s) of birth. Please note that Lambeth Council cannot contribute towards the cost of obtaining this documentation.

If you have any problems supplying these documents, please contact us as soon as possible.

**If you change your address later you must tell the council straight away.**

**Applications received without all the required proof of address documents for the parents/carer and the child, or a sworn affidavit, statutory declaration or affirmation may be withdrawn as the address cannot be verified. This means that your child may not receive an offer of a school place on 16 April 2025.**

**Proof of child’s date of birth**

**You must attach proof of your child’s date of birth to the CAF**

– either a copy of their birth certificate, passport or EU National Identity Card. Alternatively this could be a copy of your child’s NHS card, medical letter or doctor’s prescription stating the child’s date of birth.

**Department for Education (DfE) code**

Each school has it’s own unique DfE code. Lambeth’s DfE codes are printed in each of the schools’ details in the ‘A brief guide to starting primary school in Lambeth 2025/26’ booklet. For codes of schools in other boroughs, please contact

either the schools directly or the council where the school is based.

**Siblings**

If your child has a brother or sister currently attending a primary or infant school in September 2024 (ie born between 01/09/2014 to 31/08/2020 – current reception to year 5, unless the school is a through school). Please give details in the section provided for the school where the sibling is attending. A sibling is defined as a full/half/ step brother or sister, living at the same address, a child who is living as part of the family by reason of a court order, or a child who has been placed with foster carers at that address as a result of being looked after by the council.

**Supplementary information forms/church places**

Some schools may require you to complete a supplementary information form to provide additional details. For example church schools may ask you to provide details of your priest/ minister. Please contact the school directly for any other Supplementary Information Forms that they may require you to complete.

**Additional Common Application Forms can be downloaded from [lambeth.gov.uk/admissions](https://lambeth.gov.uk/admissions). You can also apply online from this site.**

**Are you and your child Lambeth residents?**

**Yes**      **No** (if no, do not complete this form. Please contact the School Admissions Team in the authority where you live and complete their CAF)

**Does your child have an Education Health and Care Plan?**

**Yes** (if yes do not complete this form. Please contact the SEND Team for further details)      **No**

**Was your child born between 01/09/20 and 31/08/21 or delayed entry has been agreed within the past year?**

**Yes** (please go to section 1)  
**No** (if no please do not complete this form, contact Lambeth School Admissions Team for the correct form)

**Section 1**    Child’s details – as on their birth certificate

Child’s first name	<div></div>																			
Child’s middle name(s)	<div></div>																			
Surname/last name	<div></div>																			
Child’s date of birth	Day		Month		Year		Boy/Girl													
Child’s home address	<div></div>																			
(This must be the address where the child <b>currently</b> lives.	<div></div>																			
If parents share custody, this must be stated and both addresses shown – see Section 3)	<div></div>																			
	<div></div>										Postcode									
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Current Provision (e.g. nursery or early years setting)

School name

School address  
(please give  
address if school is  
outside Lambeth)

Postcode

DfE code

Section 2 Applications based on specific grounds

Medical/social

If you think that there are **exceptional medical or social reasons** why your child should attend a particular school please complete this section. Please note that you **must provide professionally supported evidence** with this application form if there are any social/medical circumstances that you would like a school to consider with this application. You must tick the relevant box for each school you want the social/medical needs to be considered for.

It is very important that you check the admission criteria of each school for which you are applying to see if priority of admission can be given on the basis of social/medical needs.

Please identify the social/medical need that your child is experiencing.

Nature of evidence attached, e.g. GP letter. Please ensure this is attached to your application.

Children of staff

Some schools give priority for children of staff in their admissions criteria. If you are applying under these grounds, you must provide such paperwork to support this. Without the provision of the relevant papers that identify this, priority will not be considered on these grounds.

Looked After Child or Previously Looked After Child

A Looked After Child is a child that is currently in the care of the Local Council (foster or residential care) as defined by the Children's Act 1989. This does not include children in private fostering arrangements or those under special guardianship status. A Previously Looked After Child is a child who was Looked After, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order) immediately following having been Looked After.

Tick if this is applicable for your child

If applicable, what borough/local authority is the child Looked After by?

Social worker's name

Contact number

For Looked After Children or Previously Looked After Children a letter from your child's social worker, or a copy of court papers **must** be attached to this form for this admissions criterion to be given.

Section 3 Parents/carers details

Parent/carer 1 This person must have parental responsibility for, and live with, the child.

Title (please circle) Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

First name

Surname

Relationship to child

Home telephone

Daytime telephone

Mobile telephone

Email address

Parent/carer 2 Please note that the person named in this section will have full access to the information submitted in this form.

Title (please circle) Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

First name

Surname

Relationship to child

Please state if this person has parental responsibility for the child. Yes No

Address  
(if different from  
child's address  
in Section 1)

Postcode

Home telephone

Daytime telephone

Mobile telephone

Email address

Section 4 Primary school preferences

Please indicate up to SIX primary (or infant) schools which you wish to apply for in the order that you prefer them. You must include all primary (including infant) schools you want to apply for using this form, whether the school is in Lambeth or a different borough, except special or private (fee-paying) schools. Your application details will then be forwarded to the relevant borough/school as appropriate. Please state the borough the school is situated in and DfE code for each school.

Please use the space provided if you wish to give your reasons for your preference of school. These can include religious, philosophical, specialist or other reasons. If you feel that there are any exceptional medical, social or compassionate reasons why your child should attend a particular school, as noted in Section 2, please tick the box underneath your preference and **provide the relevant documents to support this.**

Please note the order cannot be changed once the form is submitted.

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Preference 1

School name

Borough of school

DfE code

Details of any siblings (brother or sister) attending this school who will still be there during the 2025/26 academic year

Sibling first name

Sibling surname

Sibling date of birth

DayMonthYearBoy/Girl

Tick to indicate if you want this preference to be considered under medical/social grounds, or as child of school staff, as stated in Section 2.

☐ medical/social

☐ child of school staff

Reason for choice (optional)

Preference 2

School name

Borough of school

DfE code

Details of any siblings (brother or sister) attending this school who will still be there during the 2025/26 academic year

Sibling first name

Sibling surname

Sibling date of birth

DayMonthYearBoy/Girl

Tick to indicate if you want this preference to be considered under medical/social grounds, or as child of school staff, as stated in Section 2.

☐ medical/social

☐ child of school staff

Reason for choice (optional)

Preference 3

School name

Borough of school

DfE code

Details of any siblings (brother or sister) attending this school who will still be there during the 2025/26 academic year

Sibling first name

Sibling surname

Sibling date of birth

DayMonthYearBoy/Girl

Tick to indicate if you want this preference to be considered under medical/social grounds, or as child of school staff, as stated in Section 2.

☐ medical/social

☐ child of school staff

Reason for choice (optional)

Preference 4

School name

Borough of school

DfE code

Details of any siblings (brother or sister) attending this school who will still be there during the 2025/26 academic year

Sibling first name

Sibling surname

Sibling date of birth

DayMonthYearBoy/Girl

Tick to indicate if you want this preference to be considered under medical/social grounds, or as child of school staff, as stated in Section 2.

☐ medical/social

☐ child of school staff

Reason for choice (optional)

Preference 5

School name

Borough of school

DfE code

Details of any siblings (brother or sister) attending this school who will still be there during the 2025/26 academic year

Sibling first name

Sibling surname

Sibling date of birth

DayMonthYearBoy/Girl

Tick to indicate if you want this preference to be considered under medical/social grounds, or as child of school staff, as stated in Section 2.

☐ medical/social

☐ child of school staff

Reason for choice (optional)

Preference 6

School name

Borough of school

DfE code

Details of any siblings (brother or sister) attending this school who will still be there during the 2025/26 academic year

Sibling first name

Sibling surname

Sibling date of birth

DayMonthYearBoy/Girl

Tick to indicate if you want this preference to be considered under medical/social grounds, or as child of school staff, as stated in Section 2.

☐ medical/social

☐ child of school staff

Reason for choice (optional)

Please identify any other school(s) you may have applied to not previously recorded on this form including private (fee-paying) school(s).

## Checklist and declaration

**Please read through carefully before signing this section**

- I certify that I am the person with parental responsibility for the child named in Section 1 who lives in Lambeth borough, and that the information given is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I have completed each section of this form, including writing my child’s name on the front.
- I wish to apply for a place at each of the schools named in Section 4, and I have listed these schools in my order of preference.
- I understand that once this form is submitted, after 15 January 2025 no changes to preferences will be permitted, due to the processes involved in the Pan-London co-ordinated admissions procedure.
- I have attached the required proof of address and date of birth documents as listed on page 2
- I have attached supporting evidence if applying for a school because of social/medical reasons; admission of a child out of their normal year group; child of school staff; Looked After Child or Previously Looked After Child grounds, as stated in section 2.
- **I understand that any false or deliberately misleading information given on this form and/or supporting information may render this application invalid, or lead to the offer of a place being withdrawn.**
- I have obtained and completed Supplementary Information Forms for the schools that require them. (These forms should then be returned to the school before the deadline set by the school.)

Please tick to confirm your understanding that the information supplied will be used for school admissions and safeguarding purposes under the Data Protection Act 2018.

For more information on how Lambeth Council processes personal data please see our privacy notice [lambeth.gov.uk/privacy-notice](https://lambeth.gov.uk/privacy-notice).

**Parent’s/carer’s signature**

**Date**

Day      Month      Year

**The completed Common Application Form must be returned by 15 January 2025 to:**

By post: Lambeth School Admissions Team, PO Box 80771, London, SW2 9QQ.  
Please ensure that you use the right postal charge to ensure your application reaches Lambeth School Admissions Team. We recommend that you use recorded delivery to ensure you have proof of postage.

By hand: Lambeth Customer Service Centre, Lambeth Civic Centre, 6 Brixton Hill, London SW2 1EG (Monday to Friday by appointment)

Please note that outcome letters will be sent out on 16 April 2025 for ‘on time’ applicants.

Common Application Forms received after 15 January 2025 will be late and will not be processed until after 16 April 2025 when offers have been generated for ‘on time’ applications. Outcomes for late (or second) applications will be sent within 20 school days, but no sooner than 9 May 2025.