

29th July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Application to secondary school 2020 for pupils with Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs)

If your child will be in Year 6 next term, he or she will be moving on to secondary school in **September 2021**.

If your child has had an EHCP for a year or more they should have had their Year 5 Transitional review, where the secondary school placement options were discussed and any necessary amendments to the EHCP were made. It is expected that reviews continue to take place, including in a virtual setting or via conference call during the Covid 19 pandemic. If for some reason this did not take place, or you have yet to receive a response following the Year 5 Transitional review please contact the Special Educational Needs Services.

Information is now available to assist you through the secondary transfer process and can be accessed at <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/send-local-offer/education/choosing-and-applying-for-a-school-for-a-child-with-an-ehcp> Lambeth are seeking your views now to try and ensure that your child has every opportunity to receive one of the three choices you indicate on your application.

Where schools respond to say they cannot meet your child's needs and do not offer a placement the LA will consider this response in detail and decide whether or not to challenge the school. The LA has a duty to name that school in the EHCP so long as the following criteria apply (Code of Practice on the Identification and Assessment of Special Educational Needs, paragraph **9:79**):

- The placement is appropriate to the child's age, ability, aptitude and special educational needs of the child or young person, or
- The attendance of the child or young person there would be incompatible with the efficient education of others, or the efficient use of resources

As we have a duty to secure suitable maintained provision - be aware that in some circumstances we will also refer to schools other than the preferences you have given. However, we will always let you know when we do this and reasons for doing so.

You can also access an information booklet on our website – 'Your Child's Move to Secondary School in 2021' which we hope you will find helpful and able to answer any questions you may have about this process; please read this carefully.

A 'Specialist Education Provision in Lambeth' booklet is also available from your school as of September 2020, which provides information about Lambeth's special schools.



Applying online

The application form can be accessed at www.lambeth.gov.uk/send-local-offer/education

The closing date for applications is **15th September 2020**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antoinette Davis".

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