



Report of: Executive Member for Children and Families

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ADMISSION TO ISLINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS: 2016-17

1. SYNOPSIS

- 1.1 The School Admissions Code requires all admission authorities to determine their admission arrangements by 15 April for 2016/17 and by 28 February for subsequent years.
- 1.2 Admission authorities must publish a copy of the determined admission arrangements on their website by 1 May. Where an admission authority has determined a Published Admission Number (PAN) that is higher than in previous years, they must make specific reference to the change on their website.
- 1.3 For admission arrangements from 2013/14 onwards, admission authorities need only consult every seven years unless substantial changes are being proposed to the arrangements made following the previous consultation.
- 1.4 A consultation has not been undertaken as no changes to the admission arrangements determined by the Council's Executive last year are proposed, save clarifications to the definition of 'immediately looked after', the Council's policy on applications from Crown Servants, deferring admission to reception class and preventing fraudulent applications.
- 1.5 This report outlines proposals and recommendations relating to the admission arrangements for Islington's Sixth Form Consortium;

coordination of, and arrangements for, Secondary and Primary Transfer; and arrangements for the management of in-year applications.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. To agree the co-ordinated schemes and timetables for admission to Islington primary and secondary schools and academies in 2016/17, and in-year admission protocols for 2015/16 and 2016/17, as set out in **Appendices 1, 4 and 7**.
- 2.2. To agree the policy and oversubscription criteria for admission to community primary and secondary schools and Islington Sixth Form Consortium for admission in 2016/17, as set out in **Appendices 2, 5, 8 and 9**.
- 2.3. To agree the proposed admission numbers for Islington community primary and secondary schools and for external applicants to the Islington Sixth Form Consortium in 2016/17, as set out in **Appendices 3, 6 and 10**.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 All admission authorities must consult others locally before determining their admission arrangements.
- 3.2 For admission arrangements from 2013/14 onwards, admission authorities must consult every seven years, unless substantial changes are being proposed to the arrangements made following the last consultation.
- 3.3 Where significant changes are proposed, admission authorities must:
 - consult on their proposed arrangements by 1st March;
 - allow at least an 8 week period for consultation;
 - in light of consultation, determine their admission arrangements by 15 April;
 - send a copy of arrangements to all those consulted once they have been determined;
 - publish the determined admission arrangements on their website by 1 May.
- 3.4 All admission authorities must determine admission arrangements by 15 April for 2016/17 and by 28 February for subsequent years, even if they have not changed from the previous years and a consultation has not been required.
- 3.5 Therefore the Executive is required to agree the admission arrangements and admission numbers for all Islington community primary and secondary schools and Islington's Sixth Form Consortium for 2016/17 and protocols for in-year admissions for 2015/16 and 2016/17.

4 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 All local authorities are required, by section 88M of the School Standards and Framework Act (1998) and the Co-ordination Regulations, to have in place a scheme each year for co-ordinating admissions arrangements for maintained schools within their area.
- 4.2 The School Admissions Code requires every local authority to draw up a scheme for maintained schools which ensures that every parent living in the local authority area applying for a place in the normal round receives the offer of one, and only one school place. It also requires local authorities to provide a common application form (in Islington this is referred to as the School Admissions Application Form) and that it is made available to every resident in its area. Consultation must relate to admission arrangements. It must therefore include:
- The admissions policy
 - The procedures and timing for applications
 - Proposed admission numbers
 - Details of over-subscription criteria and how they will be applied
- 4.3 The School Admissions Code imposes mandatory requirements, and provides guidance to local authorities and admitting authorities, for achieving good practice in setting oversubscription criteria to ensure admission arrangements are fair and transparent to all children and their families, and promote social equity. The Code also details oversubscription criteria that are considered unlawful.
- 4.4 Any objections to the September 2016 admission arrangements must be referred to the Schools' Adjudicator by 30 June 2015.
- 4.5 As there are no proposed changes to last year's determined admission arrangements consultation is not required and has not been undertaken.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2016/17

- **COORDINATED SCHEME FOR ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL 2016/17**
- 4.6 The high level of applications to schools outside the child's home local authority (and the requirement for eradicating multiple offers) means there is a need to co-ordinate admissions across the 33 London authorities. A computer-based Pan-London Admissions System enables this co-ordination to take place. However the effectiveness of this system is contingent upon the adoption of a common set of procedures across London authorities.
- 4.7 Although each local authority must formulate and determine their school admission arrangements by 15 April for 2016/17 and by 28 February for

subsequent years, before the arrangements come into effect, many elements of the scheme must be common to all London authorities to ensure effective Pan-London coordination.

- 4.8 Arrangements for residents without a school place (once all applications are duly processed) and waiting list arrangements are for local determination. These arrangements must however, be made in accordance with the mandatory provisions of the School Admissions Code.
- 4.9 No changes to Islington's existing scheme are proposed. The scheme and timetable for 2016/17 are set out as **Appendix 1**.
- 4.10 Recommendation 2.1 above includes the proposal to agree the co-ordinated scheme and timetable for Islington secondary schools and academies in 2016/17 as outlined in **Appendix 1**.

- **POLICY & OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL 2016/17**

- 4.11 Co-ordinated admissions do not require all admission authorities within an area to operate the same policy or over-subscription criteria. Admission authorities must therefore set and apply their own admission policy and criteria.
- 4.12 There are no proposed changes to the existing policy and oversubscription criteria for admission to Islington community schools in 2016/17. The policy and oversubscription criteria are set out in **Appendix 2**.
- 4.13 Recommendation 2.2 above includes the proposal to agree the admissions policy and oversubscription criteria for Islington community secondary schools as outlined in **Appendix 2**.

- **SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION NUMBERS 2016/17**

- 4.14 The total number of secondary school places available is outlined in **Table 1** below. No changes are proposed to the admission numbers for Islington community schools.

Table 1: Secondary School Admission Numbers 2016/17

Name of school	Type	Places available for September 2015	Proposed places available for September 2016
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS			
Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School	Girls	180	180
Highbury Fields	Girls	140	140
Highbury Grove	Mixed	210	210
Holloway	Mixed	180	180
Islington Arts and Media	Mixed	150	150

Name of school	Type	Places available for September 2015	Proposed places available for September 2016
VOLUNTARY AIDED AND FOUNDATION SCHOOLS			
Central Foundation School	Boys	150	150
Mount Carmel School	Girls	140	140
St Aloysius School	Boys	180	180
ACADEMIES			
City of London Academy	Mixed	125	125
St Mary Magdalene Academy	Mixed	180	180
TOTAL AVAILABLE PLACES		1635	1635

- 4.15 Recommendation 2.2 above includes the proposal to agree the proposed admission numbers for Islington secondary community schools as set out above in **Table 1** and in **Appendix 3**.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2016/17

- **COORDINATED SCHEME FOR ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL 2016/17**

- 4.16 The high level of applications to schools outside the child's home local authority (and the requirement for eradicating multiple offers) means there is a need to co-ordinate admissions across the 33 London authorities. A computer-based Pan-London Admissions System enables this co-ordination to take place. However the effectiveness of this system is contingent upon the adoption of a common set of procedures across London authorities.
- 4.17 Although each local authority must formulate and determine their school admission arrangements by 15 April (2015/16) or 28 February (subsequent years) in the year before the arrangements come into effect, many elements of the scheme must be common to all London authorities to ensure effective Pan-London coordination.
- 4.18 Arrangements for residents without a school place (once all applications are duly processed) and waiting list arrangements are for local determination. These arrangements must however, be made in accordance with the mandatory provisions of the School Admissions Code.
- 4.19 No changes to Islington's existing scheme are proposed. The scheme and timetable for 2016/17 are set out as **Appendix 4**.
- 4.20 Recommendation 2.1 above includes the proposal to agree the co-ordinated scheme and timetable for Islington primary schools, free schools and academies in 2016/17 as outlined in **Appendix 4**.

- **POLICY & OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL 2016/17**

- 4.21 Co-ordinated admissions do not require all admission authorities within an area to operate the same policy or over-subscription criteria. Admission authorities must therefore set and apply their own admissions policy and criteria.
- 4.22 There are no proposed changes to the existing policy and oversubscription criteria for admission to Islington community primary schools in 2016/17. The policy and oversubscription criteria are set out in **Appendix 5**.
- 4.23 Recommendation 2.2 above includes the proposal to agree the admissions policy and oversubscription criteria for Islington community primary schools as outlined in **Appendix 5**.

- **PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSION NUMBERS 2016/17**

- 4.24 The local authority must publish admission numbers for primary schools within its admission arrangements. Published numbers must take account of the school's net capacity as determined by the Department for Education (DfE) formula. Schools must be consulted before deciding their admission number.
- 4.25 School rolls have been rising, and continue to rise across London, and this is already putting pressure on the provision of primary school places across the capital.
- 4.26 Between 2009 and 2014, the number of reception age pupils rose by 273, marking an increase of 15%. As a result, additional capacity was put in place for September 2014.
- 4.27 This capacity included a permanent increase of 15 places to the roll of Hargrave Park (from 30 to 45 places) and the permanent reinstatement of 30 places at Ambler (from 30 to 60 places) and Christ the King (from 45 to 60 places).
- 4.28 Additional capacity was also introduced through temporary increases to the published admission number for Clerkenwell Parochial (30 additional places), Pooles Park (30 additional places) and Winton (30 additional places). The opening of Whitehall Park Free School also introduced a further 56 reception class places. Not all of this additional capacity however was utilised in September 2014, with capacity comfortably meeting demand.
- 4.29 Islington's school organisation strategy is kept under close scrutiny and reviewed annually to ensure that demographic changes across the borough, and national policy developments, are taken into account.

- 4.30 Our pupil roll projections for the past three years have proved reliable and our current assessment is that there is sufficient reception class capacity to meet demand in September 2016.
- 4.31 As a fall-back position, the Council does have additional capacity that could be brought in to immediate use at Pooles Park (30 places) and Winton (30 places) should the need arise.
- 4.32 Recommendation 2.3 above includes the proposal to agree the proposed admission numbers for Islington primary schools as set out in **Appendix 6**.

**• IN-YEAR SCHOOL ADMISSIONS COORDINATED SCHEME:
2015/16 and 2016/17**

- 4.33 The School Admissions Code 2012 removed the requirement for local authorities to coordinate in-year admissions applications from September 2013. This remains the case under the School Admissions Code 2014.
- 4.34 Neighbouring authorities have adopted different approaches. For example, applications for Camden schools are now dealt with directly by schools, regardless of whether they are a community or own admission authority school, whereas applications for all Haringey and Hackney schools continue to be centrally administered.
- 4.35 As part of our statutory admissions consultation last year, we re-consulted Islington schools to seek their views on whether to continue with the status quo (delegation of administrative responsibility for processing in year applications to all schools) or consider alternative approaches.
- 4.36 The following three options were consulted on for implementation from September 2014:
- Central management of in-year applications and waiting lists for all Islington schools (academy, community, trust and voluntary aided schools);
 - Central management of in-year applications and waiting lists for Islington community schools only;
 - Delegation of the administrative management of in-year applications and waiting lists to all Islington school (own admission authority and community schools).
- 4.37 Two written responses to last year's consultation were received. One respondent's preferred option was that in-year applications and waiting lists for all Islington schools should be centrally administered by the Islington School Admissions team. Further, if not all schools were in favour of this option, individual schools should continue to manage their own in-year applications and waiting lists as they have done since September 2013. The respondent also commented that this process should be closely monitored to ensure all schools operate fairly to ensure the most vulnerable children do not slip through the net.

- 4.38 Voluntary-aided school and academy representatives in attendance at the School Admissions and Organisation Forum meeting held on 5 December 2013 indicated that own admission authority schools wished to continue managing their own in-year applications in future years.
- 4.39 Consideration was given as to whether different arrangements should apply to community schools. However, it was felt that parents would find a single system easier to navigate than having different processes for different types of schools.
- 4.40 It was therefore recommended that administrative responsibility for processing in-year admissions applications should continue to be delegated to community schools, placing them on a level footing with own admission authority schools.
- 4.41 The protocols for in-year admissions from September 2014 were agreed by the Council's Executive on 06 February 2014 and published on the Council's website as part of Islington's determined arrangements for 2015/16.
- 4.42 As part of the local authority's continued responsibility as the admission authority for community schools, and its wider remit to ensure a fair admission process across the local area, a dedicated In-Year School Admissions officer was appointed in September 2013. The officer maintains an overview of all in-year applications to ensure no child without a school place slips through the net and offers advice, support and challenge to schools on admission procedures.
- 4.43 The existing scheme delegates responsibility for the management of in-year admissions to individual Islington schools and academies, and has now been in operation for a full academic year. Feedback from Islington schools and residents is positive and indicates that the scheme is working well.
- 4.44 No changes are therefore proposed to the existing in-year admissions arrangements for admission in 2015/16 and 2016/17.
- 4.45 Recommendation 2.1 above includes the proposal to agree the existing in-year admissions scheme, policy and oversubscription criteria as outlined in **Appendices 7 and 8** for the academic years 2015/16 and 2016/17.

• ISLINGTON SIXTH FORM CONSORTIUM ADMISSIONS POLICY 2016/17

- 4.46 In line with the School Admissions Code, details of proposed admission arrangements for entry to Year 12 at Islington Sixth Form Consortium (IC6), a joint collaboration between Highbury Grove, Highbury Fields,

Central Foundation and St Aloysius' College, are attached as **Appendix 9**.

- 4.47 There are no proposed changes to the existing arrangements for admission in 2016/17.
- 4.48 The School Admissions Code requires that a school must have an admission number for each 'relevant age group'. This is defined in law as 'an age group in which pupils are or will normally be admitted' to the school in question. Where a secondary school operates a sixth form and admits children from other schools at age 16, an admission number is therefore required for Year 12 as well as for the main year or years in which children join the lower school. Admission numbers must refer in each case to children to be admitted to the school for the first time (and therefore not young people already on roll at the school and 'staying on' to the sixth form).
- 4.49 No changes are proposed to the existing admission numbers for external applicants to IC6 (Islington Sixth Form Consortium) at Year 12 as set out below.

Table 3: Proposed admission numbers for external applicants 2016/17:

Admission number for external applicants at Year 12	2015/16	2016/17 Proposed
Highbury Grove	25	25
Highbury Fields	25	25
Central Foundation	25	25
St Aloysius	25	25

- 4.50 Recommendation 2.2 above includes the proposal to agree the policy and oversubscription criteria for admission to IC6 (Islington Sixth Form Consortium) as set out in **Appendix 9**.
- 4.51 Recommendation 2.3 above includes the proposal to agree the proposed admission numbers to IC6 (Islington Sixth Form Consortium) for external applicants at Year 12 as set out in **Table 3** above and **Appendix 10**.

5 IMPLICATIONS

• Financial implications

- 5.1 Where increases in admission numbers are required, capital resources have already been identified. Additional revenue will be derived in line with the number of pupils admitted.

• Legal Implications

- 5.2 The Council has a duty to undertake consultation on admission policies in order to determine admission arrangements, including admission

numbers under Part III of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 and the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012/8. The Council must comply with the mandatory requirements of the School Admissions Code 2014 and have due regard to the discretionary elements of the Code.

- **Environmental Implications**

5.3 There are no environmental implications.

- **Resident Impact Assessment**

5.4 The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

5.5 The admission arrangements for community schools are designed to ensure all parents have an equal chance of securing the community school of their choice irrespective of the child's ethnicity, religion, or socio-economic group. A Resident Impact Assessment has taken place and no adverse impact identified.

6 Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

6.1 The proposed admission arrangements for both primary and secondary community schools and Islington Sixth Form Consortium promote fair access to educational opportunity and are compliant with the mandatory provisions of the School Admissions Code.

6.2 Following a high profile communications campaign about the convenience of applying online and the move from making available hard copies of the composite prospectus to an electronic version ('flipbook'), coupled with high levels of support through school-based online workshops and one to one individual support from the School Admissions team, the Council has achieved a channel shift at both primary and secondary transfer with 100% of applications for admission in 2015/16 being made online compared to 81% (secondary) and 76% (primary) the previous year.

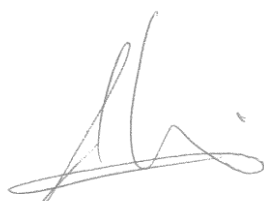
6.3 The Executive is therefore asked to agree the proposed primary and secondary admission arrangements for 2016/17 and in-year arrangements for 2015/16 and 2016/17.

Background papers:

- Appendix 1 Proposed Pan-London Secondary School Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme 2016/17
- Appendix 2 Proposed Islington Community Secondary School Admissions Policy and Oversubscription Criteria 2016/17
- Appendix 3 Proposed Secondary School Admission Numbers 2016/17
- Appendix 4 Proposed Pan-London Primary School Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme 2016/17
- Appendix 5 Proposed Islington Community Primary School Admissions Policy and Oversubscription Criteria 2016/17
- Appendix 6 Proposed Primary School Admission Numbers 2016/17
- Appendix 7 Proposed Islington In-Year Admissions Protocols 2015/16 and 2016/17
- Appendix 8 Proposed Islington Community School In-Year Oversubscription Criteria 2015/16 and 2016/17
- Appendix 9 Islington Sixth Form Consortium Admissions Policy and Oversubscription Criteria 2016/17
- Appendix 10 Proposed Islington Sixth Form Consortium Numbers for external applicants 2016/17
- Appendix 11 Resident Impact Assessment

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**PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECONDARY TRANSFER:
Pan London Co-ordinated Scheme 2016/17**

GLOSSARY
Admission Authority: The body responsible for setting and applying a school's admission arrangements. For community schools, the local authority is the admission authority; and for foundation or voluntary aided schools, the governing body of the school is the admission authority. For Academies the Funding Agreement states who is responsible for applying admission arrangements which can only be set or altered with the prior agreement of the Secretary of State.
Home Local Authority (HLA): The authority area in which the child lives.
Maintaining Local Authority (MLA): The authority area in which the school is located.

APPLICATIONS

1. Islington LA will advise **HLAs** during the Summer Term of Year 5 of their resident pupils on the roll of Islington's maintained primary schools and whose parents are eligible to make application in the forthcoming academic year.
2. Islington residents can apply online at www.islington.gov.uk/admissions or alternatively submit a paper application available upon request from the School Admissions Team by telephone (020 7527 5515) or in person (Council Offices at 222 Upper St, N1 1XR).
3. Islington LA will take all reasonable steps to ensure that every parent who has a child in their last year of primary education within a maintained school, either in Islington or elsewhere, and who is resident in Islington has access to Islington's composite school prospectus. The prospectus will be available online, with reference copies sent to Islington primary schools and key community groups in early **September 2015**. Reference copies of the prospectus will also be available from the School Admissions Team upon request at the Council's Offices at 222 Upper St, N1 1XR.
4. The online brochure will also be available to parents who are non-residents and will include information on how to access their home local authority's equivalent School Admissions Application Form.
5. The admission authorities within Islington will not use supplementary information forms except where the information available through the School Admissions Application Form is insufficient for consideration of the application against the published oversubscription criteria. Where admission authorities within Islington use supplementary forms, we will seek to ensure that these only collect information which is required by the published oversubscription criteria, in accordance with paragraph 2.4 of the School Admissions Code.

6. Where supplementary forms are used, they will be made available on Islington's website or from the school concerned for resident and non-resident applicants alike. The supplementary forms will advise parents that they must also complete their home local authority's School Admissions Application Form.
7. Islington's composite prospectus will indicate which Islington schools require supplementary information forms to be completed.
8. Where a school in Islington receives a supplementary information form, it will **not** be considered a valid application unless:
 - the parent has also completed Islington's School Admissions Application Form or their HLA's equivalent common application form **AND**
 - the school is listed as a preference on it.
9. Islington LA will share the details of each application for an Islington voluntary-aided school with that school. Schools that require a supplementary information form will check that each parent has completed one. If one has not been received the school will make contact with the parent and ask them to complete one. **The school will also check that each parent that has completed a supplementary form has also completed a School Admissions Application Form.** If any parent has not completed a School Admissions Application Form, the school will share that information with Islington LA who will then contact the parent and ask them to complete one.
10. Applicants will be able to express a preference for six maintained secondary schools or Academies located within and/or outside Islington LA (including any City Technology College that has agreed to participate in their local authority's Qualifying Scheme).
11. The order of preference given on the School Admissions Application Form will not be revealed to a school. However, where a parent resident in Islington expresses a preference for schools in the area of another MLA, the order of preference will be revealed to that LA in order to determine the highest ranked preference in cases where a child is eligible for a place at more than one school.
12. The address that will be used to process an application will be the child's normal and permanent address as at the closing date for applications (**31 October 2015**).
13. Islington LA may not accept a temporary address where the applicant still possesses a property that was previously used as a home address; nor accept a temporary address if it is used solely or mainly to obtain a school place.
14. The LA may also undertake additional checks with the new school to ascertain whether the child's home address has changed since the application was completed and will investigate all applications where:
 - there are any doubts about the information originally provided;

- information has been received from a member of the public to suggest a fraudulent application has been made;
 - the Council Tax account is in a different name from the applicant's.
15. Any applicant who provides who provides false or misleading information will have their offer of a school place withdrawn, and may also be subject to legal proceedings.
 16. Islington LA undertakes to carry out the address verification process set out in its entry in the Pan-London Business User Guide. This will in all cases include validation of resident applicants against Islington LA's primary school data and the further investigation of any discrepancy. Where Islington LA is not satisfied as to the validity of an address of an applicant whose preference has been sent to a **MLA**, it will advise the **MLA** no later than **11 December 2015**.
 17. Islington LA will confirm the status of any resident child for whom it receives an Application Form stating that s/he is a 'Child Looked After' or has recently been adopted (or made subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order) **immediately after being looked after** and will provide evidence to the **MLA** in respect of a preference for a school in its area by **13 November 2015**.
 18. Islington LA will advise a **MLA** of the reason for any preference expressed for a school in its area, in respect of a resident child born outside of the correct age cohort, and will forward any supporting documentation to the **MLA** by **13 November 2015**.

PROCESSING

19. Applicants who are resident within Islington must complete and return the School Admissions Application Form, which will be available on-line, to this local authority by **31 October 2015**. However, Islington LA encourages applicants to submit their application by **23 October 2015** to allow sufficient time to process and check all applications before the mandatory date when data must be shared with other Local Authorities.
20. Any application forms, changes to preferences or preference order received after **31 October 2015** will be treated as late. This means that such applications will be considered after those applicants who have applied on time.
21. **Islington LA** will accept late applications and process them as on time if they are late for a good reason and received by the **11 December 2015**, deciding each case upon its own merits.
22. Where such applications contain preferences for schools in other LAs, Islington will forward the details to **MLAs** via the Pan-London Register (PLR) as they are received. **Islington LA** will accept late applications which are considered to be on time within the terms of the **HLA's** scheme.

23. The latest date for the upload to the PLR of late applications which are considered to be on-time within the terms of the **HLA's** scheme is **11 December 2015**.
24. Where an applicant moves from one participating **HLA** to another after submitting an on-time application under the terms of the former **HLA's** scheme, the new **HLA** will accept the application as on-time up to **11 December 2015**, on the basis that an on-time application already exists within the Pan-London system.
25. Any school that operates a banding system that requires testing to take place must ensure that their timetable coincides with the scheme timetable set out in **Appendix 1, Schedule A**.
26. Application data relating to applications for schools in other participating LAs will be up-loaded to the Pan-London Register (PLR) on **13 November 2015**. Supplementary information provided with the School Admissions Application Form will be sent to Islington voluntary-aided schools and **MLAs** by the same date.
27. Application data relating to Islington schools from out-of-borough pupils will be received from the Pan London Register on **16 November 2015**.
28. Islington LA will notify each school within Islington that is its own admissions authority of every preference that has been made for the school, forwarding to them all relevant details from the School Admissions Application Form by **30 November 2015**.
29. Between **30 November 2015** and **11 January 2016**, voluntary-aided schools and Academies will assess their applications according to their admissions criteria.
30. Islington LA will participate in the application data checking exercise scheduled between **14 December 2015** and **4 January 2016** in the Pan-London timetable.
31. All preferences for schools within Islington will be considered without reference to rank order. When the admission authorities within Islington have provided a list of applicants in criteria order, **Islington LA** shall, for each applicant to its schools for whom more than one potential offer is available, use the highest ranked potential offer to decide which single offer to make.
32. Schools which are their own admission authority must provide the **MLA** with an electronic list of their applicants in rank order by **11 January 2016**.

33. **Islington LA** will send the first ALT file to the Pan-London Register (PLR) giving offer details for their school on **3 February 2016**. The PLR will transmit the highest potential offer specified by the **MLA** to the **HLA**.
34. **Islington LA** will eliminate all but the highest ranked offer where an applicant has more than one potential offer. This will involve exchanges of preference outcomes between the LAS (Local Admissions System – ONE) and the PLR which will continue until notification that a steady state has been achieved, or until **16 February 2016** if this is sooner.
35. Islington will not make an additional offer between the end of the iterative process and **1 March 2016** which may impact on an offer being made by another participating LA.
36. Notwithstanding paragraph 28, if an error is identified within the allocation of places at one of our schools, **Islington LA** will attempt to manually resolve the allocation to correct the error. Where this impacts on another LA (either as a **HLA** or **MLA**) **Islington 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, Islington will accept that the applicant(s) affected might receive a multiple offer.
37. Islington LA will participate in the offer data checking exercise scheduled between **17 and 24 February 2016**.
38. Islington will send a file to the e-Admissions portal with outcomes for all resident applicants who have applied online no later than **25 February 2016**.

OFFERS

39. Islington LA will ensure, so far as is reasonably practical, that each resident applicant who cannot be offered a preference expressed on the School Admissions Application Form receives the offer of an alternative school place. The applicant will be offered a place at the nearest community school to the home address with an available place.
40. Islington 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 they were for schools in the Home LA or in other participating LAs.
41. Islington LA will use the form of Notification Letter set out in **Appendix 1, Schedule B**.
42. Notification of the outcome will be sent by first class post to parents on **1 March 2016**.
43. Details of the pupils to be offered will be made available to each Islington primary school by **2 March 2016**.

44. Parents who are not successful in their application for a school will be offered a right of appeal.

POST OFFER

45. Parents must accept or decline the offer of a place by **15 March 2016**. If they do not respond by this date the **HLA** will make every reasonable effort to contact the parent to find out whether or not they wish to accept the place. Only where the parent fails to respond and **Islington LA** can demonstrate that every reasonable effort has been made to contact the parent, will the offer of a place be withdrawn. (The School Admissions Code states that an admission authority may only lawfully withdraw an offer in very limited circumstances. This may include where a parent has not responded to the offer within a reasonable time).
46. Where a parent accepts or declines a place by **15 March 2016**, this information will be passed on to the relevant school within Islington, or for out-of-borough schools, to the **MLA**, by **22 March 2016**. Subsequent information will be transferred as and when it is received.
47. Islington LA will inform the **HLA**, where different, of an offer for a maintained school or Academy in Islington which can be made to an applicant resident in the **HLA's** area, in order that the **HLA** can offer the place.
48. When acting as a **MLA**, Islington LA and the admission authorities within it will not inform an applicant resident in another LA that a place can be offered.
49. Islington 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 School Admissions Application Form than any school already offered.
50. Where Islington LA is informed by a **MLA** of an offer which can be made to an applicant resident in Islington which is ranked lower on the School Admissions Application Form than any school already offered, it will inform the **MLA** that the offer will not be made.
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WAITING LISTS

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55. Waiting lists for entry to Year 7 in **September 2016** will be compiled on **22 March 2016** (after the deadline for acceptance of places) and will be kept in strict criteria order with no differentiation between on-time or late applications.
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 - allocate a place in advance of the family arriving in Islington provided the application is accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date and a Unit postal address or quartering area address;
 - describe Islington's arrangements for the admission of children of UK Service Personnel in our composite admissions brochures;
 - ensure our arrangements do not disadvantage service children through an annual review of existing procedures.
59. Applications will be processed in line with Islington's school admissions procedures as described above.
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61. Where it is not possible to offer a place at one of the preferred schools, a place will be allocated at the child's nearest Islington community school with a vacancy and the family offered the right of appeal.
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Proposed Timetable for the Determination of Applications to Secondary School: 2016/17

23 October 2015	Recommended closing date for receipt of the School Admission Application Form
31 October 2015	Statutory deadline for return of application to the Home LA
13 November 2015	Deadline for the transfer of application information by the Home LA to the PLR and supplementary information to Islington VA schools/maintaining local authorities
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11 December 2015	Deadline for the upload of applications that are late but are considered to be on-time, to the PLR
14 December 2015 - 4 January 2016	Pan-London data checking exercise of pupil applications exchanged via the PLR
11 January 2016	Voluntary-aided schools and Academies to provide Islington LA with an electronic list of their applicants in rank order
3 February 2016	Deadline for the transfer of highest potential offer information from the Maintaining LAs to the PLR (1 st ALT)
16 February 2016	Final ALT file to the PLR
17–24 February 2016	Pan-London data checking exercise of pupil offer data
25 February 2016	Deadline for online ALT file to portal
1 March 2016	Notifications sent first class to parents by Home LA
15 March 2016	Date by which parents accept or decline offers
22 March 2016	Date by which LA will pass information to schools within Islington (or for out-of-borough schools, to the maintaining LA) on parents who have accepted or declined a place.

PROPOSED NOTIFICATION LETTER

1 March 2016

Ref: «pupil_id»

To the Parent/Carer of
«pupil_firstname» «pupil_surname»
«gu_unit_no» «gu_unit_name»
«gu_house_no» «gu_street»
«gu_main_road»
«gu_district»
«gu_town»
«gu_county»
«gu_postcode»

Islington School Admissions Team
222 Upper Street, London N1 1XR
Tel: 020 7527 5515
Fax: 020 7527 5694
Email: admissions.@islington.gov.uk
This matter is being dealt
with by: Brian Jones

Dear Parent/Carer,

SECONDARY TRANSFER – 2016/17

I am writing to let you know the outcome of your application for a secondary school place. Your child «pupil_firstname» has been offered a place at «alloc_pref».

Accepting the offer of the school place

It is important that you confirm as soon as possible that you wish to accept the offer of a place at «alloc_pref». Please complete the reply slip below and return by **15 March 2016**. Failure to do so may result in this offer being withdrawn.

Once your acceptance is received, the school will be informed and will contact you to provide further information about the arrangements for admission.

Please note that applications for any schools that you listed lower on your application form, were automatically withdrawn under the co-ordinated admission arrangements.

If you were not offered your first preference school

I am sorry that it was not possible to offer a place at any of the schools which you have listed higher on your application form. For each of these schools there were more applications than places available, and other applicants had a higher priority than your child under the school's published admission criteria.

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You have the right of appeal under the School Standards & Framework Act 1998 against the refusal of a place at any of the schools which you listed on your application form.

If you wish to appeal:

- for community schools in Islington please contact the School Admissions Team at the above address or visit <http://www.islington.gov.uk/admissions> and return your completed appeal form to the address at the top of this letter
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- for schools outside Islington, please contact the local authority where the school is located.

The outcome of your appeal will not be influenced by the acceptance of a place at an alternative school.

Waiting lists

I can confirm that your child's name has been placed on the waiting list for any Islington school that you have listed higher on your form. **If you do not wish to remain on these waiting lists, please tick the relevant box on the reply slip.**

If you would like «**pupil_firstname**» to be placed on a waiting list for any other school, then please contact the Islington School Admissions Team. Your child will remain on the waiting list until the end of the Autumn Term for Islington Community Schools unless you contact the School Admissions Team in writing to extend this further by the end of December 2016.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact a member of the School Admissions Team on 020 7527 5515.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Jones
Head of School Admissions

REPLY SLIP

Ref: «pupil_id»

Please return this form by post/fax or email by:

15 March 2016

To: Islington School Admissions Team
222 Upper Street
London N1 1XR

E. admissions@islington.gov.uk
F. 020 7527 5694

1. Accepting a place

I wish to accept a place for «pupil_firstname» «pupil_surname» at «alloc_pref»

**I do not wish to accept a place for «pupil_firstname» «pupil_surname» at «alloc_pref»

****Please complete this section if not accepting this school place.**
 I do not wish to accept a place at the above school. My child will be educated as follows:

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1. Waiting lists

I would like my child to be placed on the waiting list for the following schools (up to six maximum):

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Please remove my child from all waiting lists.

.....
Signature of Parent/Carer

...../...../.....
Date

Daytime Telephone Number.....

For information on how the waiting lists for Islington Schools operate, please refer to the Secondary Schools Booklet available from: www.islington.gov.uk/admissions

**Proposed Admission Criteria to Islington Community Secondary Schools:
2016/17**

Applicants with a Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) or Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) will be admitted (via the SEN process as outlined in Section 324 of the Education Act 1996) to the school named in the Statement or EHCP.

In the event of over-subscription to a community secondary school, the following criteria will be applied in the order listed below:

- 1) **Looked after children and children who have been adopted** (or made subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order) **immediately after being looked after.**
- 2) **Siblings:** A sibling is defined as a brother or sister, half brother or sister, step brother or sister or adopted brother or sister whose main residence is at the same address. This criterion will apply to applicants with a sibling living at the same address who is on the roll of the preferred school (Years 7 to 11), or co-located Special School, at the time of proposed admission in the new academic year.
- 3) The Director of Children's Services, on an individual basis, may give priority to applicants who can demonstrate that admission to a particular school is necessary on the grounds of professionally supported *exceptional medical, social or special educational needs*. Parents must supply details of any such special factors at the time of the original application (together with recent supporting documentation), to enable these factors to be considered.
- 4) **Distance:** Applicants who live nearest to the preferred school. Nearness to the school will be determined by a computerised mapping system using a **straight line** distance measurement. Routes will be calculated from the home address (as defined by the Land & Property Gazetteer) to the midpoint of the school grounds (as determined by Islington Local Authority).

Distance will be used as a tiebreaker for over-subscription criteria 1- 3.

Multiple births

• **Secondary**

If only one place is available at the school and the next child who qualifies for a place is one of multiple birth siblings, we will ask community schools to admit the siblings and go over their published admission number to support the family.

**Secondary School Admission Numbers
2016/17**

Name of school	Type	Places available for September 2015	Proposed places available for September 2016
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS			
Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School	Girls	180	180
Highbury Fields	Girls	140	140
Highbury Grove	Mixed	210	210
Holloway	Mixed	180	180
Islington Arts and Media	Mixed	150	150
VOLUNTARY AIDED AND FOUNDATION SCHOOLS			
Central Foundation School	Boys	150	150
Mount Carmel School	Girls	140	140
St Aloysius School	Boys	180	180
ACADEMIES			
City of London Academy	Mixed	125	125
St Mary Magdalene Academy	Mixed	180	180
TOTAL AVAILABLE PLACES		1635	1635

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRIMARY RECEPTION:

Pan-London Coordinated Scheme 2016/17

GLOSSARY

Admission Authority: The body responsible for setting and applying a school's admission arrangements. For community schools, the local authority is the admission authority; and for foundation or voluntary aided schools, the governing body of the school is the admission authority. For Academies the Funding Agreement states who is responsible for applying admission arrangements which can only be set or altered with the prior agreement of the Secretary of State.

Home Local Authority (HLA): The authority area in which the child lives.

Maintaining Local Authority (MLA): The authority area in which the school is located.

APPLICATIONS

1. Islington LA will advise **HLAs** of their resident pupils on the roll of Islington LA's maintained children's centres, nursery schools, primary schools and Academies who are eligible to transfer to reception in the forthcoming academic year.
2. Islington residents can apply online at www.islington.gov.uk/admissions or alternatively submit a paper application available upon request from the School Admissions Team by telephone (020 7527 5515) or in person (Council Offices at 222 Upper St, N1 1XR).
3. Islington LA will take all reasonable steps to ensure that every parent who has a child in the cohort and is resident in Islington is aware of, and has access to, Islington's composite school prospectus. The prospectus will be available online, with reference copies sent to Islington primary schools, libraries and key community groups in early **September 2015**. Reference copies of the prospectus will also be available from the School Admissions Team upon request at the Council's Offices at 222 Upper St, N1 1XR.
4. The online brochure will also be available to parents who are non-residents and will include information on how to access their home local authority's equivalent School Admissions Application Form.
5. The admission authorities within Islington will not use supplementary information forms except where the information available through the School Admissions Application Form is insufficient for consideration of the application against the published oversubscription criteria. Where admission authorities within Islington use supplementary forms, we will seek to ensure that these only collect information which is required by the published oversubscription criteria, in accordance with paragraph 2.4 of the School Admissions Code.

6. Where supplementary forms are used, they will be made available on Islington's website or from the school concerned for resident and non-resident applicants alike. The supplementary forms will advise parents that they must also complete their home local authority's School Admissions Application Form
7. Islington's composite prospectus will indicate which Islington schools require supplementary information forms to be completed.
8. Where a school in Islington receives a supplementary information form, it will **not** be considered a valid application unless:
 - the parent has also completed Islington's School Admissions Application Form or their HLA's equivalent common application form **AND**
 - the school is listed as a preference on it.
9. Islington LA will share the details of each application for an Islington voluntary-aided school with that school. Schools that require a supplementary information form will check that each parent has completed one. If one has not been received the school will make contact with the parent and ask them to complete one. **The school will also check that each parent that has completed a supplementary form has also completed a School Admissions Application Form.** If any parent has not completed a School Admissions Application Form, the school will share that information with Islington LA who will then contact the parent and ask them to complete one.
10. Applicants will be able to express a preference for up to six maintained primary schools or Academies within and/or outside Islington.
11. The order of preference given on the School Admissions Application Form will not be revealed to a school. However, where a parent resident in Islington expresses a preference for schools in the area of another MLA, the order of preference will be revealed to that LA in order to determine the highest ranked preference in cases where a child is eligible for a place at more than one school.
12. The address that will be used to process an application will be the child's normal and permanent address as at the closing date for applications (**15 January 2016**).
13. Islington LA may not accept a temporary address where the applicant still possesses a property that was previously used as a home address; nor accept a temporary address if it is used solely or mainly to obtain a school place.
14. The LA may also undertake additional checks with the new school to ascertain whether the child's home address has changed since the application was completed and will investigate all applications where:
 - there are any doubts about the information originally provided;
 - information has been received from a member of the public to suggest a fraudulent application has been made;
 - the Council Tax account is in a different name from the applicant's.

15. Any applicant who provides who provides false or misleading information will have their offer of a school place withdrawn, and may also be subject to legal proceedings.
16. Islington LA undertakes to carry out the address verification process set out in its entry in the Pan-London Business User Guide. This will in all cases include validation of resident applicants against Islington LA's maintained children centre, nursery and primary school data and the further investigation of any discrepancy. Where Islington LA is not satisfied as to the validity of an address of an applicant whose preference has been sent to a MLA, it will advise the MLA no later than **15 February 2016**.
17. Islington will confirm the status of any resident child for whom it receives an Application Form stating s/he is a 'Child Looked After' and will provide evidence to the MLA in respect of a preference for a school in its area by **03 February 2016**.
18. Islington LA will advise a MLA of the reason for any preference expressed for a school in its area, in respect of a resident child born outside of the correct age cohort, and will forward any supporting documentation to the MLA by **3 February 2016**.

PROCESSING

19. Applicants who are resident within Islington LA must return the School Admissions Application Form, which will be available on-line completion, to Islington LA by **15 January 2016**.
20. Application data relating to preferences for schools in other participating LAs will be up-loaded to the Pan-London Register (PLR) by **03 February 2016**. Supplementary information provided with the Schools Admission Application Form will be sent to MLAs by the same date.
21. Islington LA will accept late applications only if they are late for a good reason and received by **15 February 2016**, deciding each case on its own merits.
22. Where such applications contain preferences for schools in other LAs, Islington LA will forward the details to MLAs via the PLR as they are received. Islington LA will accept late applications which are considered to be on time within the terms of the HLA's scheme.
23. The latest date for the upload to the PLR of late applications which are considered to be on-time within the terms of the HLA's scheme is **15 February 2016**.
24. Where an applicant moves from one participating HLA to another after submitting an on-time application under the terms of the former HLA's scheme,

the new HLA will accept the application as on-time up to **15 February 2016**, on the basis that an on-time application already exists within the Pan-London system.

25. Islington LA will participate in the application data checking exercise scheduled between **16 February and 23 February 2016**.
26. All preferences for schools within Islington will be considered by the relevant admission authorities without reference to rank order. When the admission authorities within Islington have provided a list of applicants in criteria order, Islington LA shall, for each applicant to its schools for whom more than one potential offer is available, use the highest ranked preference to decide which single potential offer to make.
27. Islington LA will carry out all reasonable checks to ensure that pupil rankings are correctly held in its LAS (Local Admissions System – ONE) before uploading data to the PLR.
28. Islington LA will upload the highest potential offer available to an applicant for a maintained school or Academy to the PLR by **15 March 2016**. The PLR will transmit the highest potential offer specified by the MLA to the HLA.
29. Islington's LAS will eliminate, as a HLA, all but the highest ranked offer where an applicant has more than one potential offer across MLAs submitting information within deadline to the PLR. This will involve exchanges of preference outcomes between the LAS and the PLR which will continue until notification that a steady state has been achieved or until **23 March 2016** if this is sooner.
30. Islington LA will not make an additional offer between the end of the iterative process and the **18 April 2016**. This may impact on an offer being made by another participating LA.
31. Notwithstanding paragraph 23, if an error is identified within the allocation of places at one of Islington's schools, Islington 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) Islington 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.
32. Islington LA will participate in the offer data checking exercise scheduled between **24 March and 12 April 2016** in the Pan-London timetable in **Appendix 3, Schedule C**.
33. Islington LA will send a file to the E-Admissions portal with outcomes for all resident applicants who have applied online no later than **13 April 2016**.

OFFERS

34. Islington LA will ensure, so far as is reasonably practical that each resident applicant who cannot be offered a preference expressed on the School Admissions Application Form receives the offer of an alternative school place. The applicant will be offered the nearest community school to the home address with an available place.
35. Islington 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 they were for schools in Islington or in other participating LAs.
36. Islington LA will use the form of notification letter set out in **Appendix 3, Schedule D**.
37. Islington LA will, on **18 April 2016** (National Offer day), send by first class post notification of the outcome to resident applicants.
38. Islington LA will provide children centre, nursery and primary schools with destination data of its resident applicants after offer date.

POST OFFER

39. Islington LA will request that resident applicants accept or decline the offer of a place by **30 May 2016**, or within two weeks of the date of any subsequent offer.
40. Where an applicant resident in Islington accepts or declines a place in a school maintained by another LA by **2 May 2016**, Islington LA will forward the information to the MLA by **17 May 2016**. Where such information is received from applicants after **2 May 2016**, this LA will pass it to the maintaining LA as it is received.
41. Islington LA will inform the **HLA**, where different, of an offer for a maintained school or Academy in Islington which can be made to an applicant resident in the HLA's area, in order that the HLA can offer the place.
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50. Waiting lists for entry to Reception Year in **September 2016** will be compiled on **9 May 2016** (after the deadline for acceptance of places) and will be kept in strict criteria order with no differentiation between on-time or late applications.
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DEFERRING ADMISSION

53. Parental requests to defer their child's admission **within the same academic year** will be considered by the head teacher of the offered school who will have the discretion (acting reasonably) to defer entry or not.
54. In the case of a parental request to defer their child's admission into the reception class for **the following academic year**, the local authority will consider each case on its merits, in the best interests of the child, using the following criteria:
 - the needs of the child and the possible impact on them of entering year 1 without having first attended the reception class;

- in the case of children born prematurely, the fact that they may have naturally fallen into the lower age group if they had been born on their expected date of birth;
 - whether delayed social, emotional or physical development is adversely affecting their readiness for school;
 - any evidence provided by the parents to support their request;
 - the views of the head teacher of the relevant school;
 - relevant research into the outcomes of summer born and premature children.
55. If the deferment is agreed, the parent must reapply for a reception class place on the basis of the following year's oversubscription criteria.
56. In both cases, the child **MUST** begin to attend school upon reaching statutory school age (i.e. at the start of the term following their fifth birthday).

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**Proposed Timetable for the Determination of Applications to
Primary (Reception Class) School: 2016/17**

15 January 2016	Statutory deadline for receipt of applications
3 February 2016	Deadline for the transfer of application information by the Home LA to the PLR (ADT file)
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13 April 2016	Deadline for on-line ALT file to portal
18 April 2016	National Offer Day – offer letters posted
2 May 2016	Deadline for receipt of acceptances
16 May 2016	Deadline for transfer of acceptances to maintaining LAs

PROPOSED NOTIFICATION LETTER

18 April 2016

Ref: «pupil_id»

To the Parent/Carer of
«pupil_firstname» «pupil_surname»
«gu_unit_no» «gu_unit_name»
«gu_house_no» «gu_street»
«gu_main_road»
«gu_district»
«gu_town»
«gu_county»
«gu_postcode»

School Admissions Team
222 Upper Street, London N1 1XR
Tel: 020 7527 5515
Fax: 020 7527 5694
Email: admissions@islington.gov.uk
This matter is being dealt
with by: Brian Jones

Dear Parent/Carer,

PRIMARY ADMISSIONS (Reception Class): 2016/17

I am writing to let you know the outcome of your application for a primary school place. Your child «pupil_firstname» has been offered a place at «alloc_pref».

Accepting the offer of the school place

It is important that you confirm as soon as possible that you wish to accept the offer of a place at «alloc_pref». Please complete the reply slip below and return by **2 May 2016**. Failure to do so may result in this offer being withdrawn.

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If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact a member of the School Admissions Team on 020 7527 5515.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Jones
Head of School Admissions

REPLY SLIP

Ref: «pupil_id»

Please return this form by post/fax or email by:

2 May 2016

To: Islington School Admissions Team
222 Upper Street
London N1 1XR

E. admissions@islington.gov.uk
F. 020 7527 5694

1. Accepting a place

I wish to accept a place for «pupil_firstname» «pupil_surname» at «alloc_pref»

****I do not wish to accept a place for «pupil_firstname» «pupil_surname» at «alloc_pref»**

****Please complete this section if not accepting this school place.**
 I do not wish to accept a place at the above school. My child will be educated as follows:

2. Waiting lists

I would like my child to be placed on the waiting list for the following schools (up to six maximum):

Please remove my child from all waiting lists.

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Signature of Parent/Carer

...../...../.....
Date

Daytime Telephone Number.....

For information on how the waiting lists for Islington Schools operate, please refer to the Primary Schools Booklet available from: www.islington.gov.uk/admissions

Proposed Criteria for Admissions to Islington Community Primary Schools: 2016/17

Applicants with a Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) will be admitted (via the SEN process as outlined in Section 324 of the Education Act 1996) to the school named in the statement.

In the event of over-subscription to a community primary school, the following criteria will be applied in the order listed below:

1. **Looked after children and children who have been adopted** (or made subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order) **immediately after being looked after.**
2. **Siblings:** A sibling is defined as a brother or sister, half brother or sister, step brother or sister or adopted brother or sister whose main residence is at the same address. This criterion will apply to applicants with a sibling living at the same address who is on the roll of the preferred school (Reception Class to Year 6) or co-located Special School at the time of proposed admission in the new academic year.
3. The Director of Children's Services, on an individual basis, may give priority to applicants who can demonstrate that admission to a particular school is necessary on the grounds of professionally supported exceptional **medical, social or special educational needs**. Parents must supply details of any such special factors at the time of the original application (together with recent supporting documentation), to enable these factors to be considered.
4. **Distance:** Applicants who live nearest to the preferred school. Nearness to the school will be determined by a computerised mapping system using a **straight line** distance measurement. Routes will be calculated from the home address (as defined by the Land & Property Gazetteer) to the midpoint of the school grounds (as determined by Islington Local Authority).

Distance will be used as a tiebreaker for over-subscription criteria 1- 3.

Multiple Births

- **Key Stage 1**

If only one place is available at the school and the next child who qualifies for a place is one of multiple birth siblings, schools will go over their published admission number to support the family as required by the draft School Admissions Code 2012.¹. These children will be deemed as 'excepted' pupils under KS1 class size legislation.

- **Key Stage 2**

If only one place is available at the school and the next child who qualifies for a place is one of multiple birth siblings, we will ask community schools to admit the siblings and go over their published admission number to support the family.

¹ 2.15 Infant class size -excepted children are: g) twins and children from multiple births when one of the siblings is the 30th child admitted

Proposed Primary School Admission Numbers 2016/17

SCHOOL	Planning Area	PAN 2015	Proposed PAN 2016	Notes
Ambler Primary School & Children's Centre	2	60	60	
Ashmount Primary School	1	60	60	
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School	3	30	30	
Canonbury Primary School	4	60	60	
Christ The King Catholic Primary School	1	60	60	
Clerkenwell Parochial CofE Primary School	4	30	30	
Copenhagen Primary School	3	60	60	
Drayton Park Primary School	2	45	45	
Duncombe Primary School	1	60	60	
Gillespie Primary School	2	30	30	
Grafton Primary School	2	60	60	
Hanover Primary School	4	45	45	
Hargrave Park Primary School	1	45	45	
Highbury Quadrant Primary School	2	60	60	
Hugh Myddelton Primary School	4	60	60	
Hungerford Primary School and Children's Centre	3	60	60	
Laycock Primary School	3	50	50	
Montem Primary School	2	60	60	
Moreland Primary School	4	30	30	
Newington Green Primary School	2	60	60	
Pakeman Primary School	2	45	45	
Pooles Park Primary School	2	60	60	
Prior Weston Primary School	4	60	60	
Robert Blair Primary School	3	27	27	Temporary reduction from 30
Rotherfield Primary School	4	60	60	
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School	3	45	60	Permanent increase
St Andrew's Barnsbury Church Of England Primary	3	30	30	
St Joan of Arc Catholic Primary School	2	60	60	
St John Evangelist Catholic Primary School	4	40	40	
St John's Highbury Vale CofE Primary School	2	30	30	
St John's Upper Holloway CofE Primary School	1	30	30	
St Joseph Roman Catholic Primary School	1	60	60	
St Jude And St Paul's CofE Primary School	2	30	30	
St Luke's CofE Primary School	4	30	30	
St Mark's CofE Primary School	1	30	30	
St Mary Magdalene Academy	3	30	30	
St Mary's CofE Primary School	3	30	30	
St Peter And St Paul Catholic Primary School	4	30	30	
The New North Academy	4	60	60	
Thornhill Primary School	3	60	60	
Tufnell Park Primary School	1	45	45	
Vittoria Primary School	3	30	30	
Whitehall Park Free School	1		56	
William Tyndale Primary School	3	60	60	
Winton Primary School	3	30	30	Temporary reduction from 45
Yerbury Primary School	1	60	60	
TOTAL		2097	2168	

PROTOCOLS FOR IN-YEAR ADMISSIONS 2015/16 and 2016/17

GLOSSARY

Admission Authority: The body responsible for setting and applying a school's admission arrangements. For community schools, the local authority is the admission authority; and for foundation or voluntary aided schools, the governing body of the school is the admission authority. For Academies the Funding Agreement states who is responsible for applying admission arrangements which can only be set or altered with the prior agreement of the Secretary of State.

Home Local Authority (HLA): The authority area in which the child lives.

Maintaining Local Authority (MLA): The authority area in which the school is located.

PRINCIPLES

1. The aim of these protocols is to establish a fair, clear and simple process for Islington parents wishing to apply for a place at an Islington school.
2. The protocols have also been designed to safeguard children from 'slipping through the net' and being left without a school place.
3. To this end there will be a single process for admission to any school in Islington, including community, academy and voluntary-aided schools.
4. The administrative responsibility for processing in-year applications has been delegated to schools. For community schools however, the local authority remains the admission authority and retains overall responsibility for the allocation of school places.
5. Schools will work in partnership with Islington LA both in its capacity as HLA and MLA to safeguard children and to ensure a fair, clear and simple process for Islington parents.

APPLICATIONS

6. Applications for all Islington schools, from children resident in Islington will be made on Islington's online In-Year School Admissions Application Form. This will include all the fields and information specified in Schedule E which has been previously agreed by all PAN London Authorities and is compliant with the School Admissions Code.
7. The In-Year School Admissions Application Form will be available as an online application form at: www.islington.gov.uk/admissions. Alternatively, a paper form can be requested from the Islington School Admissions Team by telephone on 020 7527 5515 or in person at the Council Offices at 222 Upper St, N1 1XR.

8. As Islington schools will be responsible for making offers and holding waiting lists, an individual application must be made to each preferred school so that preference order is not disclosed.
9. Parents can apply to any school in Islington and there is no limit on the number of preferences.
10. Islington schools will forward applications for children living elsewhere in England to Islington MLA who will liaise with the child's HLA and share the outcome of the application.
11. Islington LA will allow parents to submit an online enquiry via email to express an interest in applying for an In-Year school place.
12. Own admission authorities within Islington will only use supplementary forms where the information available through the School Admissions Application Form is insufficient for consideration of the application against their published oversubscription criteria.
13. Supplementary forms will be available from the Islington school concerned, on Islington's website and from the Islington School Admissions Team.
14. Any supplementary forms must advise parents that they must also complete their HLA's School Admissions Application Form. Islington's online composite admission brochures and website will indicate which Islington schools require supplementary forms to be completed and where they can be obtained.
15. Where an admission authority in Islington receives a supplementary form, it will consider it to be a valid application, and the parent will also be asked to complete their HLA's School Admissions Application Form.
16. Where there is no waiting list and only the HLA's Application Form is received, Islington schools MUST admit the child. If there is a waiting list, a supplementary form should be completed where relevant in order for the application to be ranked correctly.
17. Any Islington school that operates a banding system that requires testing to take place must ensure appropriate arrangements are made for this to happen in a timely manner.
18. Islington MLA will accept any preference received from a HLA for a maintained school or Academy in Islington.
19. On request from an Islington school, Islington LA will undertake to carry out address verification and measuring of home to school distances. This service will be provided at no additional cost to Islington community and voluntary-aided schools. However, there will be a charge to Academies.

20. Where Islington HLA is not satisfied as to the validity of an address of an applicant whose preference has been sent to a MLA, it will advise the MLA as soon as it becomes apparent.
21. On request, Islington HLA will check the status of any applicant who is a 'Looked After' child or who has been adopted (or made subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order) immediately after being looked after, and provide evidence to the MLA in respect of a preference for a school not in Islington MLA as soon as it is received.

PROCESSING

22. Applicants with children resident in Islington must complete and return Islington's online In-Year School Admissions Application Form, a copy of which is sent directly to the preferred Islington school and School Admissions Team.
23. Islington schools will be responsible for ranking and decision-making in relation to which child is to be offered a place in accordance with their published admission criteria.
24. Islington schools will also be responsible for maintaining their waiting lists in admission criteria order.
25. Continuity in a child's education is of significant importance. Islington's head teachers are committed to working in partnership with each other and Islington LA to minimise disruption to a child's education through changing schools mid-year, unless it is in the child's best interest to do so.
26. Where an application is received from a child who attends another Islington school, the head teacher of the preferred Islington school will inform the current Islington school of the application. This will provide the current Islington school with the opportunity to discuss with the parent their reasons for wishing to change schools.
27. Schools must notify the MLA of any completed In-Year School Admissions Application Form, and inform the HLA of which children are to be offered a school place and similarly which children are not to be offered a school place. This is an important safeguarding process to ensure no child is left without a school place. Islington schools will provide Islington LA with a copy of the application form to enable the HLA to verify the address and calculate distances where requested as detailed above.
28. Islington schools will send out their own offer (Schedule F) or no offer letter (Schedule G) and provide Islington LA with a copy.
29. Where an Islington school informs Islington LA that they are unable to offer a place, parents will be informed of their right of appeal and which Islington schools have suitable vacancies.

30. Islington schools must keep SIMS up to date as vacancy information will be based on this data. On request from Islington MLA, schools will provide vacancy numbers. This will ensure Islington MLA maintains an overview of pupil numbers and vacancies across the borough so that any unplaced children can be allocated a suitable school place quickly.
31. Islington schools not transferring their data directly to Islington LA via the 'B2B' link will provide vacancy information as requested by Islington MLA.
32. Applications from children resident outside Islington will be processed in accordance with the Home LA's arrangements.
33. Similarly, Islington residents wishing to apply for a school in another MLA will be advised of how to do so. Islington HLA will work with other London authorities to ensure these pupils are tracked from receipt of the application to the offer of a school place.
34. Where it is not possible to offer an Islington resident one of their preferred schools, Islington LA will allocate a suitable Islington school place within 20 school days of being notified of the 'no offer'. Applicants will also be advised of their right of appeal.

OFFERS

35. Islington schools will send out their own offer (Schedule F) or no offer letter (Schedule G) using the templates provided as a guide and provide Islington LA with a copy.
36. Islington MLA will aim to share the outcome of an application for one of its schools with the HLA within 10 school days of receiving the data. Where it is clear to Islington that no vacancy exists for the child, Islington MLA will inform the HLA as soon as possible after receipt of the application data. If it has not been possible to make a decision within 10 school days, Islington MLA will undertake to send details of the outcome of an application for one of its schools to the HLA as soon as a decision is made, but within 20 school days of receiving the application data.
37. Where it has not been possible to share the outcome of an application for an Islington school within 10 working days of receiving the data, Islington MLA understands that the HLA may send an outcome letter advising the parent that a decision has not yet been made in respect of an Islington school.
38. Where Islington HLA has not received an outcome for a school within another MLA, Islington as HLA, will case manage that application to ensure that no unplaced child is left without a school place.
39. Where a parent moves from one HLA to another after submitting an application, the previous HLA will pass responsibility to the new HLA which, once it is satisfied that the applicant has moved into its area, will accept responsibility for that applicant.

POST OFFER

40. Islington schools/HLA will request that resident parent/s accept or decline the offer of a place within two weeks.
41. Where a parent does not respond within this timeframe and the application is for an out of borough school, schools (or Islington HLA) will make every reasonable effort to contact the parent directly or via the MLA.
42. Only where the parent fails to respond and schools (or Islington HLA) can demonstrate that every reasonable effort has been made to contact the parent, will the offer of a place be withdrawn.
43. Where a parent resident in Islington accepts or declines a place in a school maintained by another LA, Islington HLA will forward the information to the MLA as soon as it is received.
44. For school to school transfers between Islington schools that do not require a house move, or where there is no need for an immediate move, Islington schools will be able to defer admission to the next half term if both head teachers agree that this is in the child's best interest.
45. Islington MLA will aim to inform the HLA whether a child offered a place at a school in its area has been placed on roll at the school within 5 working days of being placed on roll.
46. Islington MLA will notify the HLA of any appeals that are upheld for Islington schools.

WAITING LISTS

47. Islington schools will hold waiting lists in the published criteria order and provide a copy for the Islington MLA.
48. Where a place is available to be offered from the waiting list to a child resident in another LA, schools will make the offer and inform Islington MLA who will liaise with the HLA.
49. Where Islington HLA is informed that another MLA is able to offer a place from the waiting list to one of its residents, it will track the pupil from offer to admission.
50. Children will remain on the waiting list of Islington schools *for the academic year in which the application is made* unless parents contact the school to extend this further.

TIMING OF ADMISSION

51. For school to school transfers from one Islington school to another that **do not** necessitate a house move or an immediate start at a new school (as agreed by both head teachers), admission can be deferred to the start of the next half term as follows:

SCHOOL TO SCHOOL TRANSFERS BETWEEN ISLINGTON SCHOOLS NOT REQUIRING A HOUSE MOVE OR IMMEDIATE START

Application date	Admission date
June-August	Start of the Autumn Term
September-October	First week after October Half Term
November-December	Start of the Spring Term
January-February	First week after February Half Term
March-April	Start of Summer Term
May	First week after May Half Term

52. When a child leaves an Islington school, the name of the child and the child's future educational provision should be notified to the School Admissions Team and the relevant safeguarding procedures followed as outlined in Islington's local Education Welfare Service guidance.

FAIR ACCESS ADMISSIONS

53. Islington residents deemed to have challenging behaviour will be admitted to an Islington school under Islington's Fair Access Protocol by the Primary and Secondary Securing Education Boards which meet approximately once a month.

54. The Securing Education Boards determine whether pupils should be admitted under Islington's Fair Access Protocol and which schools should be allocated.

55. All schools and academies must take part.

56. Schools are allocated on a 'fair share' basis to ensure equity across all Islington schools and academies and not just those with vacancies.

57. Where possible parental preference is accorded but cannot always be guaranteed.

58. Schools allocated pupils under the Fair Access Protocol may, in some circumstances be provided with additional resources to support the pupils' reintegration.

59. Admissions will be scrutinised by the Islington School Admissions Forum to ensure the Fair Access Protocol is being applied equitably.

CHILDREN OF UK SERVICE PERSONNEL (UK ARMED FORCES)

60. For families of service personnel with a confirmed posting in Islington LA, or crown servants returning from overseas to live in Islington LA, we will:

- allocate a place in advance of the family arriving in Islington provided the application is accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date and a Unit postal address or quartering area address;
- describe Islington's arrangements for the admission of children of UK Service Personnel in our composite admissions brochures;
- ensure our arrangements do not disadvantage service children through an annual review of existing procedures.

61. Applications will be processed in line with Islington's school admissions procedures as described above.

62. Where possible, a place will be offered at the applicant's highest preferred school as listed on the application form.

63. Where it is not possible to offer a place at one of the preferred schools, a place will be allocated at the child's nearest Islington community school with a vacancy and the family offered the right of appeal.

64. The allocated place will be held open for a period of up to two school terms in advance of the family's move to the UK. This may be extended in individual circumstances.

65. The child will be placed on the waiting list for any higher preference school than the one offered as described above

Appendix 7: Schedule E

Islington's In-Year Application Form will contain the following fields:

CHILD'S DETAILS:

Surname
Forename(s)
Middle Name(s)
Home Address
Date of Birth
Gender
Name, address and dates of attendance of current/previous school
If currently in school, reason for transfer
Permanent exclusions
Does the applicant have a statement of SEN?
Is the child looked after?

PARENT'S/CARER'S DETAILS:

Title
Forename
Surname
Address (if different to child's address)
Telephone Number(s)
Relationship to Child
Parental Responsibility?

PREFERENCE DETAILS:

Name and DfE number of school
Local Authority in which the school is based
Sibling Details
Reasons for Preference (including any medical or social needs)

OTHER:

Declaration including consequences of providing false information
Signature of parent or carer
Date of signature
Data Protection notice
Checklist including advice about completing supplementary forms

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Parent name and address

Date

Dear [Parent's name]

OFFER LETTER

Thank you for your application for a place at [School Name]. I am pleased to inform you that we are able to offer [Child's Name] a place at our school.

Accepting the offer of the school place

It is important that you confirm as soon as possible that you wish to accept a place at our school. Please complete the reply slip below and return it by [Deadline Date]. If you do not accept the place by this deadline, we may withdraw the offer.

Once your acceptance is received, we will contact you to provide further information about our joining arrangements.

Sibling applications

If you have any other children applying for a place at this school, please inform us immediately so we can prioritise their application as a sibling.

I look forward to receiving your acceptance.

Yours sincerely

Head teacher / Principal

Cc. Islington School Admissions Team

Reply Slip

Please return this form by [deadline date] to:

CONTACT NAME
SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS

I wish to accept

I do not wish to accept

a place at your school for my child.....

Parent signature

Date

Daytime contact number

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Parent name and address

Date

Dear [Parent's name]

NO OFFER

Thank you for your application for a place at [School Name]. I am sorry to inform you that it was not possible to offer [Child's Name] a place at our school as the relevant year group [Year X] is currently full. If you would like further information about this, please do feel free to contact me.

Waiting list

[Child's Name] has been placed on our waiting list. Children on the waiting list will be ranked in the following order, in line with our published admission criteria: (*applies to community schools only*)

1. **Looked after children and children who have been adopted** (or made subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order) **immediately after being looked after**
2. **Siblings**
3. **Exceptional medical, social or special educational needs**
4. **Distance**

Distance will be used as a tiebreaker for over-subscription criteria 1- 3.

For full details of our admissions policy, please see www.islington.gov.uk and click on the relevant **determined admission arrangements**.

Please note that all offers will be made in strict accordance to our published admission criteria, and that your child's waiting list position can go down as well as up. Should a place become available for your child at our school then we will contact you immediately.

Appeals

You have the right of appeal under the School Standards & Framework Act 1998 against the refusal of a place at any school for which you have applied. If you wish to appeal, you can download an appeal form from www.islington.gov.uk/admissions [*for own admission authority schools state where an appeal form can be obtained*]. Alternatively, please ring the Islington School Admissions team on 020 7527 5515.

The outcome of your appeal will not be influenced by the acceptance of a place at an alternative school.

If you have any further queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Head teacher / Principal

Cc. Islington School Admissions Team

In Year Admission Criteria to Islington Community Schools: 2015/16 & 2016/17

Applicants with a Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) or Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) will be admitted (via the SEN process as outlined in Section 324 of the Education Act 1996) to the school named in the statement or EHCP.

In the event of over-subscription to a community secondary school, the following criteria will be applied in the order listed below:

- 1) **Looked after children and children who have been adopted** (or made subject to a child residence order or special guardianship order) **immediately after being looked after**.
- 2) **Siblings**: A sibling is defined as a brother or sister, half brother or sister, step brother or sister or adopted brother or sister whose main residence is at the same address. This criterion will apply to applicants with a sibling living at the same address who is on the roll of the preferred school (Years 7 to 11) at the time of proposed admission in the new academic year.
- 3) The Director of Children's Services, on an individual basis, may give priority to applicants who can demonstrate that admission to a particular school is necessary on the grounds of professionally supported **exceptional medical, social or special educational needs**. Parents must supply details of any such special factors at the time of the original application (together with recent supporting documentation) to enable these factors to be considered.
- 4) **Distance**: Applicants who live nearest to the preferred school. Nearness to the school will be determined by a computerised mapping system using a straight line distance measurement. Routes will be calculated from the home address, including flats (as defined by the Land & Property Gazetteer) to the midpoint of the school grounds (as determined by Islington Local Authority).

Distance will be used as a tiebreaker for over-subscription criteria 1- 3.

Multiple Births

If only one place is available at the school and the next child who qualifies for a place is one of multiple birth siblings, we will ask community schools to admit the siblings and go over their published admission number to support the family. For KS1 children, schools will admit the siblings and go over their published admission number to support the family as required by the School Admissions Code 2012.². These children will be deemed as 'excepted' pupils under KS1 class size legislation.

Tie Break

If only one place is available and two or more families live an equal distance from the school or tie within any of the other criteria, then the allocation of that place will be determined by random allocation using a computerised system.

² 2.15 Infant class size -excepted children are: g) twins and children from multiple births when one of the siblings is the 30th child admitted

Islington Sixth Form Consortium Admissions Policy 2016/17

All applicants must register their interest to attend the consortium in the Spring Term.

Students who apply before the published deadline will be contacted to attend a meeting at one of the Consortium schools to provide advice on options and entry requirements for particular courses. This information is also available from the Islington Sixth Form Consortium Prospectus.

In the event that there are more applications than places available, the following oversubscription criteria will apply:

1. **Looked after children and children who have been adopted** (or made subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order) **immediately after being looked after.**
2. Students in Year 11 who attend one of the following four feeder schools (Central Foundation School, Highbury Fields School, Highbury Grove School and St Aloysius) who meet the entry requirements for their chosen course.
3. External applicants who meet the entry requirements for their chosen course.

In the event of more applications than places available within any criterion, the tiebreaker will be distance.

Final offers of a place on a specific course for all students will be conditional on attendance at Enrolment Day in August, induction in September (or prior notification of justifiable absence) and actual GCSE results.

The Consortium maintains the right to withdraw a publicised course if the number of students is insufficient.

The Consortium maintains the right to review and change the admissions policy.

**Proposed admission numbers for external applicants to Islington
Sixth Form Consortium (iC6) 2016/17**

Admission number for external applicants at Year 12	2015/16	2016/17 Proposed
Highbury Grove	25	25
Highbury Fields	25	25
Central Foundation	25	25
St Aloysius	25	25