



ENFIELD COUNCIL • SCHOOLS & CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Applying for a Secondary School 2026

A Comprehensive Guide for Parents and Carers on Secondary Transfer Admissions in Enfield

Types of Secondary Schools

Community & Foundation

Community Schools: The Local Authority (Enfield Council) sets the admission rules and decides place allocations.

Foundation Schools: The School's Governing Body acts as the admission authority and determines admission criteria.

Voluntary Aided & Academies

Voluntary Aided Schools: The School's Governing Body sets the admission rules (often faith-based criteria).

Academies & Free Schools: Publicly funded state schools where the Academy Trust sets admission arrangements.

Schools in Enfield

AIM North London (A)

Bishop Stopford's CE (VA)

Edmonton County (A)

Enfield Grammar (A)

Highlands (C)

Laurel Park School (F)

Lift Aylward

Oasis Academy Hadley (A)

St Ignatius College (VA)

Southgate (A)

Winchmore (C)

ARK John Keats (A)

Chace Community (C)

Enfield County School for Girls(C)

Heron Hall Academy (A)

Kingsmead (A)

Lea Valley Academy (A)

Oasis Academy Enfield (A)

**St Anne's Catholic High School
for Girls (VA)**

The Latymer (VA)

Wren Academy, Enfield (A)

Admission Criteria

- Rules used to decide which children are offered places when there are more applications than places available.
- Rules may differ between local authorities and types of schools.
- Check school and local authority websites in case there are any changes to the information in LA booklets



Community Admission Criteria

 **Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP):** Pupils with an EHCP naming the school are allocated places first.

 **Public Care & Adoption:** Looked after children or previously adopted children receive highest priority.

 **Exceptional Medical Grounds:** Priority granted if verified medical reasons require attendance at a specific school.

 **Sibling Priority:** Children with a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission (living at same address).

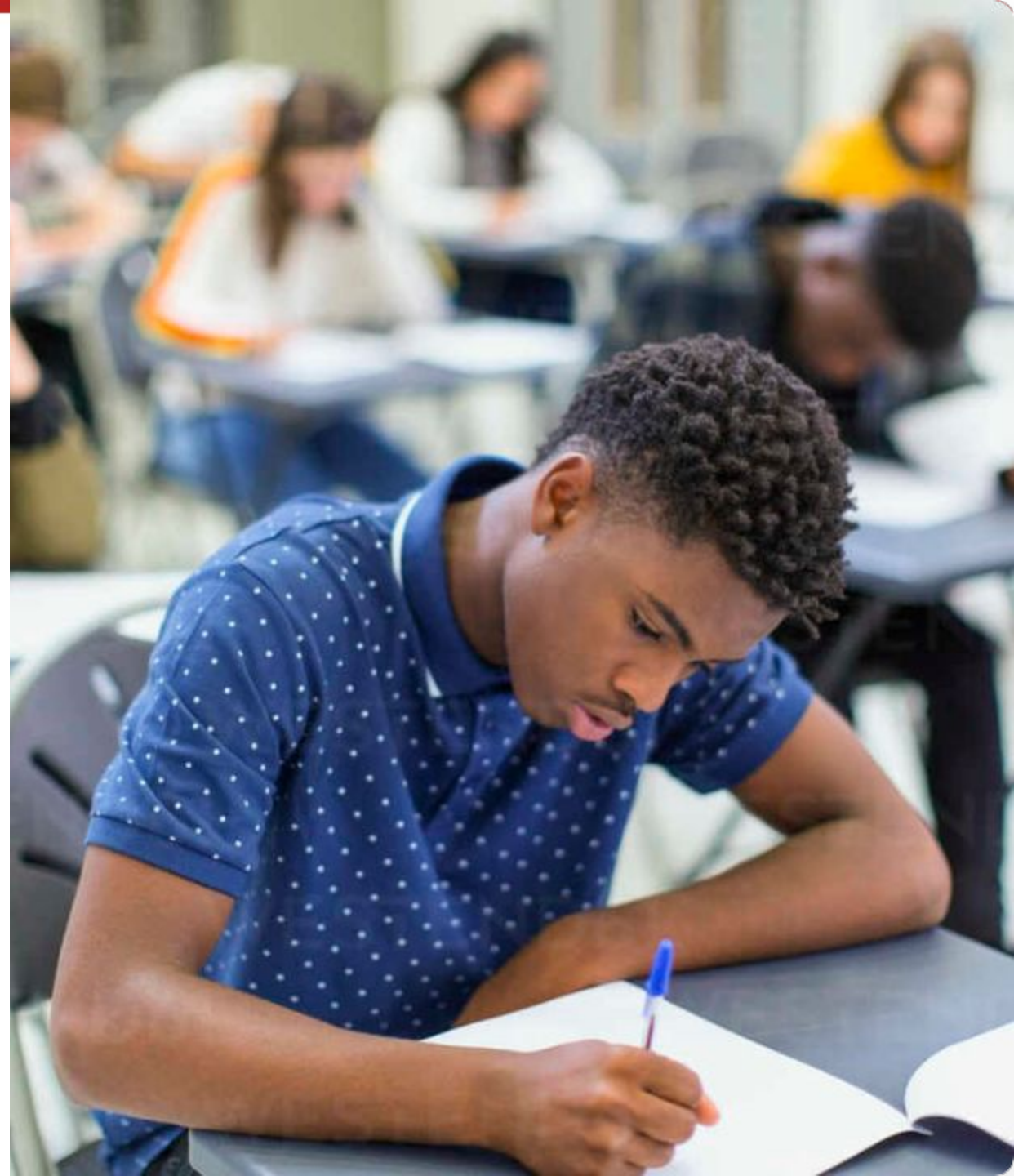
 **Distance ("As the Crow Flies"):** Children living closest to the school, measured in a straight line from home to school.

Selective Schools & Testing

Direct Registration Required

Partially or fully selective schools conduct tests, auditions, or trials prior to the main Borough application deadline.

Parents must register their child directly with the selective school to sit the required tests. Test results are provided to parents before the 31st October deadline to allow informed decision-making.



Exceptions

- Chace Community – priority zone for nominated roads
- Enfield County School for Girls has a quota system of allocation



Full details in
*“Your Guide to Secondary
Schools in Enfield 2026 ” brochure available
online from September 2025.*

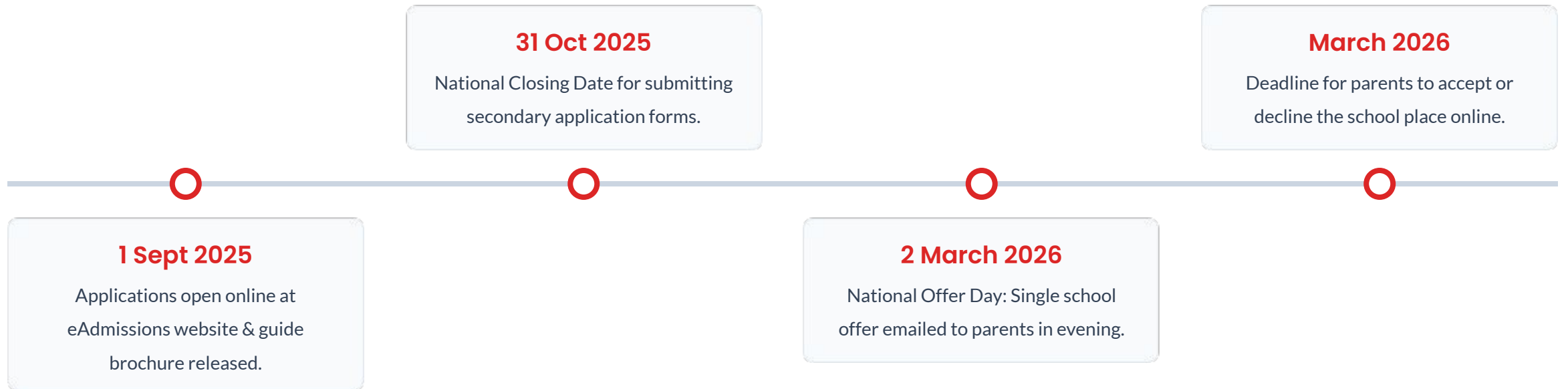
Partially or Fully Selective Schools

- Selective schools will test children before the closing date for applications.
- Children must be registered directly with the schools to be entered for the relevant selective tests/trials/auditions
- Schools will let parents have the results of the tests/trial/audition before the closing date for the Borough application.

What can Enfield parents expect?

- One local authority application for all maintained schools (community, foundation, voluntary aided, free school and academy) regardless of where the school is located
- National closing date for the submission of forms – 31st October 2025
- 6 preferences allowed in London (Hertfordshire will only accept four Hertfordshire schools – don't include more)
- Equal consideration given to each school asked for; E.G a 6th preference is ranked higher than a 1st preference if you live closer and it comes to distance criteria.

Secondary Transfer Timeline



What Parents Can Expect



Single Application

One local authority application form covers all maintained schools, academies, and free schools regardless of location.



6 Preferences

Express up to 6 school preferences in London (note: maximum of 4 preferences allowed for Hertfordshire schools).



Equal Consideration

All requested preferences are considered equally against school admission rules regardless of rank order.

How to Apply Online

-  **Portal Access:** Register and apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk.
-  **24/7 Availability:** The portal is open 24/7 until midnight on 31st October 2025.
-  **Instant Confirmation:** Receive an immediate email receipt upon submitting your form.
-  **Flexible Updates:** Make changes to school choices right up until the closing deadline.



How to apply - www.edmissions.org.uk

Welcome to eAdmissions

First time visitors
Create a new account.



[Register](#)

Returning visitors
Sign into an existing account.



[Sign In](#)

Find schools
In your area.



[Find](#)

Important information

If you require a school place for your child now (In Year) please contact your home Local Authority. Please do not use this website.

From 1 September 2024 you can apply using this website for a school place for September 2025 in a:

- Primary school (Reception)
- Junior school (Year 3)
- Secondary school (Year 7)

In some areas you can apply for a place in a:

- Nursery class or school (Age 3+)
- University Technical College (Year 10)

Resetting my password or forgotten my username - Go to the eadmissions home page select 'Reset password/forgotten username' and follow the instructions.

If you have requested a new password and don't receive it straight away please wait 1 hour before requesting another one.

Please note: if your account no longer exists it has been removed because it was not used within a 3 year period. You will need to register again.

To make changes to your application login to your eAdmissions account and click on:

- Edit child's details to change your child's information, at any time (you may need to speak to your home Local Authority about changing the date of birth and the address).
- Edit selected schools to change the school preferences you have selected, by the closing date. After the closing date please contact your home Local authority.

Key Application Requirements

Essential Details

- State clearly if the child is Looked After or adopted.
- Provide sibling details if attending the school in Sept 2026.
- Use the child's main place of residence and include Council Tax reference number.
- Attach supporting medical evidence if requesting medical priority.

Forms & Preferences

- Complete Supplementary Information Forms (SIFs) and return directly to faith/selective schools.
- **Important:** Nominating only one school or listing the same school multiple times does NOT increase your chances.
- Be aspirational but realistic about distance criteria.

Things to remember...



www.eadmissions.org.uk
www.enfield.gov.uk/admissions



- Find out more about all the schools you are interested in, especially those in your local area.
- Check out school websites for up-to-date information about opportunities to visit – open evenings are planned but schools may have to make changes at short notice.
- Look at the previous years admissions data and criteria.
- Distance counts for many schools and will often be a deciding factor if there are more applications than places available.



Things to remember

- If you are considering schools outside Enfield, look at other authority websites for details as it may be different to Enfield's
- Check if you need to complete a supplementary information form
- Complete all applications in full
- Nominating only one school will not improve your chance of getting a place. Nor will putting the same school multiple times – if you do this your application will only be considered after all other application have been processes
- Be aspirational but also realistic



Things to remember

- Make an informed decision. Consider first hand, accurate and up to date information
- Speak to your child's primary school
- Be realistic.



Why choose a school in Enfield

We asked the Head of our School Improvement Service why parents should choose a school in Enfield, we were advised that:

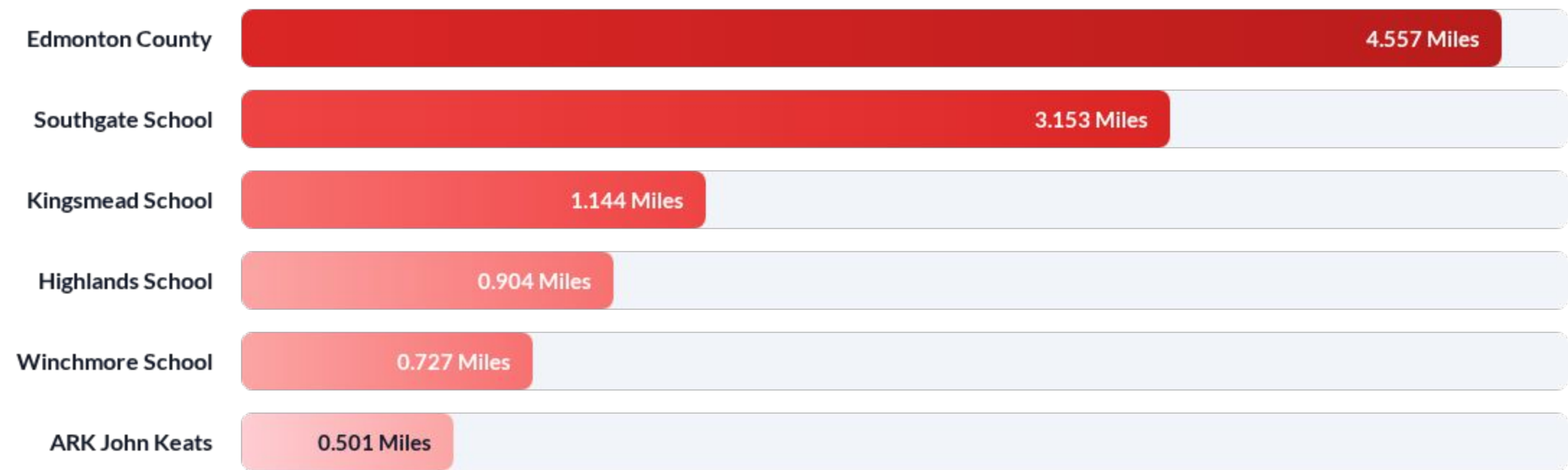
- There are 21 amazing maintained secondary schools in the Enfield.
- There is so much that is excellent about education in the borough. Here are a few examples of how Enfield schools are leading the way.
- 100% of Enfield schools are graded as good or better by Ofsted.
- We are trailing some cutting-edge work with AI in our schools.

Why choose a school in Enfield - continued

- Work from some Enfield schools has been highlighted nationally – both work done by teachers and work in support from the Education Service.
- We support schools in sharing good practice.
- Enfield Music Service support children and young people.
- Enfield High Achievers Event celebrates the best academic outcomes of pupils in Year 11



2025 Cut-Off Distance Benchmark



Furthest distance offered on National Offer Day (March 2025). Distances fluctuate annually based on applicant numbers.

Questions?

We are here to support your secondary transfer journey.

www.eadmissions.org.uk | www.enfield.gov.uk/admissions