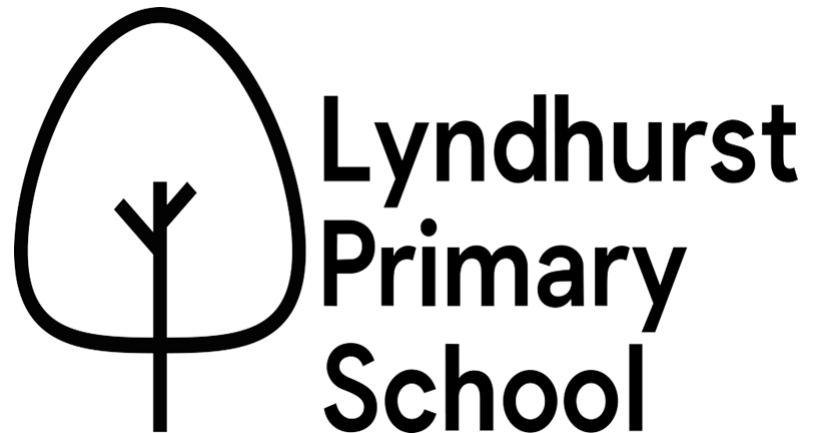


SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS



Who is eligible to apply?

Everyone in Year 6 **MUST** apply
by **October 31st 2026**
by 11:59 pm.

Start your applications as soon as
possible!

How do you apply?

Apply online at <http://www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

You will find the 'Starting Secondary School' brochure which includes a list of all the Southwark schools and information about the application process on Southwark's website:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-admissions>

Before completing the form

Research schools

- Check websites- schools offer day and evening open days - (these are authorised absences)
- Consider your child's strengths and interests
- Schools publish brochures which are very informative – read the schools entry criteria
- Have a look at the school's Ofsted Report
- Look at transport options
- Speak to other parents or ask a teacher if advice is available – trust your instincts (don't rely on the gossip of others)
- Remember it will all be OK no matter which school you pick

Extra help

Help and advice is always available from Southwark's school admissions team.

**Email: schools.admissions@southwark.gov.uk or you can
phone on 020 7525 5337.**

Types of schools in Southwark

- ▶ **Voluntary aided schools** - There are three voluntary aided secondary schools in Southwark. The school's governing body is responsible for their admissions and decides how pupils are admitted.
- ▶ **Academies** - There are 14 academies in Southwark. The Academy Trust is responsible for school admissions and decides how pupils are admitted.
- ▶ **Free school academies** - There are three secondary free school academies in Southwark. The school's governing body is responsible for school admissions and decides how pupils are admitted.

Completing the form

- You can select up to **6** preferences.
- Always list the schools in your **order of preference**.
- You must complete a **SIF (supplementary information form)** if the school you have listed as one of your preferences requires this.
- If a school you are applying for uses banding, you must contact the school directly to register for the assessment
- **Children in care (LAC)** – please ensure you tick the relevant box on your application and submit confirmation that the child is ‘looked after’.

Completing the form

- **Siblings** – Please ensure you tick the relevant box on your application if there is a sibling at the school.
- Remember to **submit your application**– once submitted you will receive an application reference number.

There is no automatic entitlement to a school place if you have another child already attending a school. **See individual schools admissions criteria.**

Deadline 31st October 2026 11:59 p.m.

Closing date for applications

31st October 2026

Applications received after this date will be treated as late and will not be considered until after the 'on time' applications have been checked.

***We strongly suggest you complete the application
by Friday 16th October 2026**

The outcome of the application

- **Monday 1st March 2027** – You will be notified of the outcome of your application by email after 5:00 p.m. This email will also include information on what to do next.
- You can also view the outcome of your application during the evening at www.eadmissions.org.uk
- Appeals are dealt with by individual schools (you should check their websites for the dates and procedures)

Accepting/declining your offer

- Respond to your offer online
- **Monday 15th March 2027**– deadline to accept/reject your offer

Please note that the offer of a school place is conditional until proof of your address has been confirmed by the school.

Waiting lists and appeals

- If it has not been possible to offer a place at any Southwark schools named as a higher preference on your application, your child's name will automatically be added to their waiting lists.
- Southwark admissions team hold waiting lists for all Southwark schools until the end of the summer term 2027 and will notify you if a place becomes available.
- You have a right to appeal- contact each school directly to request their individual appeal form and for further information.

Summary

- Read Southwark booklet/admissions criteria
- Visit schools, read websites
- Apply online by **31st October 2026**
- Complete **SIF** if necessary
- Submit all supporting documents

Questions

- Any questions contact:
 - Ms Hobbs, Ms Sawh, Mr Turnham, Ms Nowakowska or Mrs Ellis
 - Southwark admissions team at schools.admissions@southwark.gov.uk or **020 7525 5337**

If you have any queries about schools in Southwark, do please get in touch with the cabinet member for schools, Jasmine Ali jasmine.ali@southwark.gov.uk or on 020 7752 0322.