



Starting school

**Transferring to
junior school**

**Moving into
the area**

Admission to Kingston's Primary Schools

For 2021 Entry

The information in this brochure relates to the school year beginning September 2021 and applying for an in-year place during September 2020 to July 2021.

This information was correct in August 2020. However, some of the details given may change during the year.

Responsibility for information printed here relating to academies and free schools lies with the governing body of the school concerned and not with Kingston Council.

The primary school application form for admission in September 2021 to Kingston borough schools must **only** be completed by Kingston borough residents and sent to:

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E: kingston.admissions@achievingforchildren.org.uk

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Applications for in-year admissions must be made to the borough in which the school is situated. Please see page 31 for information about in-year admission.

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Section 1: Schools in the Kingston borough

Types of school in Kingston and key dates

Community schools

Community schools are owned and maintained by the council, which sets the admissions policy, including the criteria used for allocating places at schools that receive more applications than they have places.

Voluntary aided (church) schools

Voluntary aided (church) schools are maintained by the council which pays the teachers' salaries and the day-to-day running costs of the schools. Generally the buildings are owned by a church. Schools are either Roman Catholic (RC) or Church of England (CofE). The governing body of the school sets the admission policy and criteria.

Foundation schools

Foundation schools are also maintained by the council, but the governing bodies of foundation schools own the school buildings and sites. They are responsible for admissions and set their own policy and criteria. Lime Tree Primary School and St Luke's CofE Primary School are the only foundation primary schools in Kingston upon Thames.

Academies

An academy is a school that is run by an academy trust and its governors. Castle Hill Primary School, Green Lane Primary and Nursery School, Knollmead Primary School, Latchmere School, St Agatha's Catholic Primary School and Robin Hood Primary School are academies.

Free schools

There are no primary free schools in the Kingston borough.

You can find more information about the schools in Kingston by looking at the council's website www.kingston.gov.uk

Age range of schools

Infant schools

Infant schools provide education for children aged 4 to 7 years. They cover the three school years Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The first year of infant school is called the Reception year for children who become 5 during that year. Years 1 and 2 then follow for children who become 6 and 7 during these years. Most infant schools have nursery classes attached to them which cater for children aged 3 to 4.

Junior schools

Junior schools provide education for children aged 7 to 11 years. They cover four school years, Years 3 to 6.

Primary schools

Primary schools provide education across the whole primary age range of 4 to 11 years. They cover the Reception year and Years 1 to 6. Most primary schools have nursery classes attached to them for children aged 3 to 4. Children transfer to secondary school at the end of Year 6.

When children start school in Kingston

Children start school in the September of the school year in which they will become 5 years old, which means most children are 4 years old when they start school. For entry in September 2021, children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 are eligible to start school in September 2021. Children reach statutory school age at the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday. Statutory school age means the age when a parent is legally required to make sure that their child attends school (or is educated other than at school).

Request to delay entry to school in the same school year (known as deferred entry)

If you feel that your child is not ready to start school in the September following their fourth birthday, you can either arrange for your child to attend part-time until they reach statutory school age, or defer the date your child is admitted to the school until later on in the Reception year. If your child's entry is deferred, the school must hold your child's place and not offer it to another child. The latest your child can start school is at the beginning of the summer term 2022.

If you wish to defer your child's entry, you will need to confirm this with the primary school where your child has been offered a Reception place. You also need to confirm this with the early learning provider so that your child can continue to receive their free early learning entitlement.

Admission outside of the child's normal age group

If you would like to request for your child to be educated outside of their normal age group, you must still make an application for a school place by the closing date of 15 January 2021. You will need to put your request to us separately in writing. You may also provide supporting documentation, should you wish to do so; this should be submitted at the time of application and by the closing date.

Each request will be carefully considered and a decision will be made on the individual merits of each case. The decision will take into account your views, information about your child's academic, social and emotional development, their medical history and the views of a medical professional, if applicable. We will also consider whether they may have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely and whether they have previously been educated outside of their normal age group. Views of senior school staff, the manager of their current early years setting and other professionals will also be taken into account.

Children with identified special educational needs are successfully supported in all our schools through effective induction, support and differentiated provision.

For summer born children, if it is agreed that they can be educated in a younger year group, parents will need to re-apply in the following year for entry into Reception in September 2022.

We will write to advise you of the decision on the year group your child should be admitted to and the reasons why this decision was reached. If the request is approved for your child to start in Reception in September 2022, you will be advised to re-apply by 15 January 2022 and provide a copy of the decision as part of your application. Please note this decision does not guarantee that a place will be available as this depends on the number of applications for entry in that year and it is not possible to reserve a place. Please note there is no statutory right of appeal if your request is not agreed.

Key dates for admission in September 2021

2020

Tuesday 1 September

Online applications are open via www.eadmissions.org.uk

2021

Friday 15 January

Closing date for all applications for Reception class entry and Year 3 entry in a junior school for September 2021

Closing date for any supplementary information forms required by church schools to be received by the school

Friday 16 April
(National Offer Day)

All applicants will be sent an email during the evening informing them of the result of their application

Friday 30 April

Date by which parents must accept or decline the offer

Monday 10 May

Further offers made from this date onwards subject to places becoming available

Monday 24 May

Closing date for receipt of community school appeals (church, academy or free schools may use a different date)

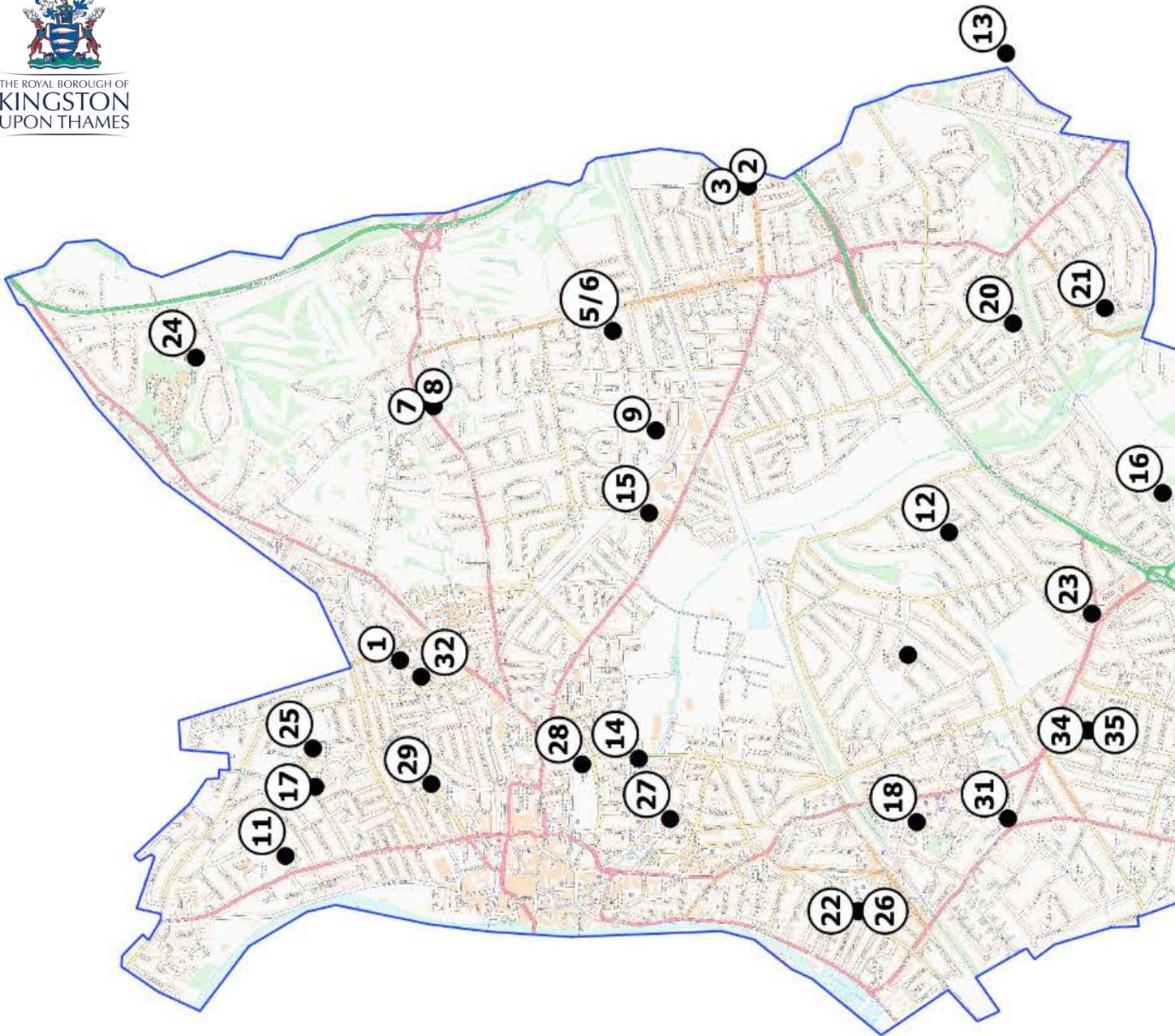
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Admission appeals are heard

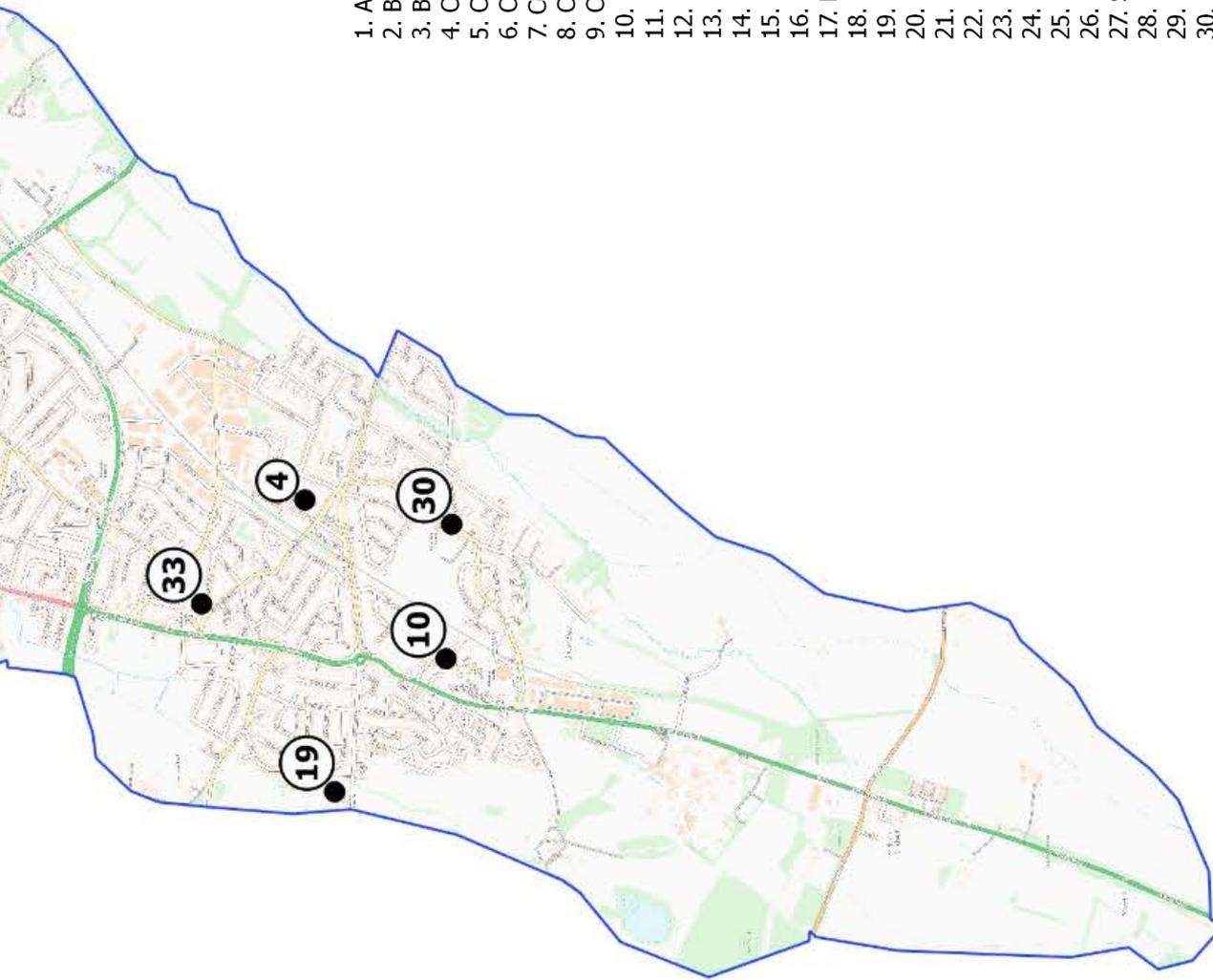
Wednesday 1 September

Start of the autumn term
(exact date and time to be advised by each school)

Map of Kingston infant, junior and primary schools



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1. Alexandra School
2. Burlington Infant and Nursery School
3. Burlington Junior School
4. Castle Hill Primary School
5. Christ Church New Malden CofE Primary School
6. Christ Church CofE Primary School
7. Coombe Hill Infants' School
8. Coombe Hill Junior School
9. Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School
10. Ellingham Primary School
11. Fern Hill Primary School
12. Grand Avenue Primary and Nursery School
13. Green Lane Primary and Nursery School
14. King Athelstan Primary School
15. King's Oak Primary School
16. Knollmead Primary School
17. Latchmere School
18. Lime Tree Primary School
19. Lovelace Primary School
20. Malden Manor Primary and Nursery School
21. Malden Parochial CofE Primary School
22. Maple Infants' School
23. Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
24. Robin Hood Primary and Nursery School
25. St Agatha's Catholic Primary School
26. St Andrew's and St Mark's CofE Junior School
27. St John's CofE Primary School
28. St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
29. St Luke's CofE Primary School
30. St Mary's CofE Primary School
31. St Matthew's CofE Primary School
32. St Paul's CofE Primary School, Kingston Hill
33. St Paul's CofE Primary School (Chessington)
34. Tolworth Infant and Nursery School
35. Tolworth Junior School

List of schools	Number of places available in 2021	Number of applications received for 2020
<p>Alexandra School (Community school with a nursery) DfE number 314 2031 Alexandra Road, Kingston KT2 6SE Phone: 020 8546 7176 Email: office@axi.rbksch.org Website: www.alexandra.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Mr R Waiting</p>	60	363
<p>Burlington Infant and Nursery School (Community school with a nursery) DfE number 314 2002 Burlington Road, New Malden KT3 4LT Phone: 020 8942 1586 Email: admin@bri.rbksch.org Website: www.burlingtoni.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Mrs S Yay-Walker</p>	120	341
<p>Burlington Junior School (Community school) DfE number 314 2001 Burlington Road, New Malden KT3 4LT Phone: 020 8942 2687 Email: admin@bjs.rbksch.org Website: www.burlingtonj.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Mrs P Utting</p>	120	150
<p>Castle Hill Primary School (Academy school with a nursery) DfE number 314 2000 Buckland Road, Chessington KT9 1JE Phone: 020 8397 2006 Email: admin@castlehill.rbksch.org Website: www.castlehill.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Mrs D Johnson</p>	60	197
<p>Christ Church New Malden CofE Primary School (Voluntary aided school with a nursery) DfE number 314 3301 Lime Grove, New Malden KT3 3TW Phone: 020 8336 7800 Email: office@ccnm.rbksch.org Website: www.christchurchnm.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Miss T White The school's junior department is situated in Elm Road, New Malden KT3 3HN</p>	60	185
<p>Christ Church CofE Primary School (Voluntary aided school) DfE number 314 3302 Pine Gardens, Surbiton KT5 8LJ Phone: 020 8399 8166 Email: office@ccp.rbksch.org Website: www.ccp.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Miss T Coton</p>	90	220

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<p>Coombe Hill Infants' School (Community school) DfE number 314 2004 Coombe Lane West, Kingston KT2 7DD Phone: 020 8942 9481 Email: admin@chi.rbksch.org Website: www.coombehillininfants.com Headteacher: Mrs J Berry</p>	90	366
<p>Coombe Hill Junior School (Community school) DfE number 314 2028 Coombe Lane West, Kingston KT2 7DD Phone: 020 8949 1743 Email: admin@chj.rbksch.org Website: www.coombehillj.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Mr M Clutterbuck</p>	90	165
<p>Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School (Voluntary aided school with a nursery) DfE number 314 3500 Chestnut Grove, New Malden KT3 3JU Phone: 020 8942 2645 Email: office@corpuschristi.rbksch.org Website: www.corpuschristi.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Ms M Baxter</p>	60	153
<p>Ellingham Primary School (Community school with a nursery) DfE number 314 2005 Ellingham Road, Chessington KT9 2JA Phone: 020 8397 3864 Email: office@elp.rbksch.org Website: www.ellinghamschool.co.uk Headteacher: Mrs L Keogh</p>	60	106
<p>Fern Hill Primary School (Community school with a nursery) DfE number 314 2037 Richmond Road, Kingston KT2 5PE Phone: 020 8247 0300 Email: office@fernhill.rbksch.org Website: www.fernhill.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Mr A Scott</p>	90	359
<p>Grand Avenue Primary and Nursery School (Community school with a nursery) DfE number 314 2033 Grand Avenue, Surbiton KT5 9HU Phone: 020 8399 5344 Email: office@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk Website: www.grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Mrs M Barrington</p>	90	285

	Number of places available in 2021	Number of applications received for 2020
<p>Green Lane Primary and Nursery School (Academy school with a nursery) DfE number 314 2008 Green Lane, Worcester Park KT4 8AS Phone: 020 8337 6976 Email: office@glp.rbksch.org Website: www.glpns.org.uk Headteacher: Mrs S Berlemont</p>	60	149
<p>King Athelstan Primary School (Community school with a nursery) DfE number 314 2032 Villiers Road, Kingston KT1 3AR Phone: 020 8546 8210 Email: admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org Website: www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Ms E Newton</p>	60	210
<p>King's Oak Primary School (Community school with a nursery) DfE number 314 2035 Dickerage Lane, New Malden KT3 3RZ Phone: 020 8942 5154 Email: admin@kop.rbksch.org Website: www.kingsoak.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Ms K Bentham</p>	90	101
<p>Knollmead Primary School (Academy school with a nursery) DfE number 314 2007 Knollmead, Tolworth, Surbiton KT5 9QP Phone: 020 8337 3778 Email: enquiries@knollmeadprimary.co.uk Website: www.knollmeadprimary.co.uk Headteacher: Mr D Tan</p>	30	89
<p>Latchmere School (Academy school with a nursery) DfE number 314 2014 Latchmere Road, Kingston KT2 5TT Phone: 020 8546 7181 Email: office@latchmereschool.org Website: www.latchmereschool.org Headteacher: Mr D Welsh</p>	120	378

	Number of places available in 2021	Number of applications received for 2020
<p>Lime Tree Primary School (Foundation school with a nursery) DfE number 314 2006 South Bank Terrace, Surbiton KT6 6DG Phone: 020 8390 9544 Email: admin@limetree.rbksch.org Website: www.limetree.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Ms S Hawker</p>	60	243
<p>Lovell Primary School (Community school with a nursery) DfE number 314 2036 Mansfield Road, Hook, Chessington KT9 2RN Phone: 020 8397 3265 Email: office@lovelace.rbksch.org Website: www.lovelace.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Mr R Meakin</p>	90	208
<p>Malden Manor Primary and Nursery School (Community school with a nursery) DfE number 314 2034 Sheephouse Way, New Malden KT3 5PF Phone: 020 8337 9620 Email: schooloffice@maldenmanor.rbksch.org Website: www.maldenmanor.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Mrs K Tremain</p>	60	163
<p>Malden Parochial CofE Primary School (Voluntary aided school with a nursery) DfE number 314 3303 The Manor Drive, Worcester Park KT4 7LW Phone: 020 8337 4804 Email: office@mps.rbksch.org Website: www.maldenparochial.co.uk Headteacher: Mrs S Pavlis</p>	30	114
<p>Maple Infants' School (Community school with a nursery) DfE number 314 2030 Maple Road, Surbiton KT6 4AL Phone: 020 8399 3341 Email: office@maple.rbksch.org Website: www.mapleinfants.co.uk Headteacher: Mrs C Barwell</p>	90	347
<p>Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School (Voluntary aided school) DfE number 314 3501 399 Ewell Road, Surbiton KT6 7DG Phone: 020 8399 9854 Email: admin@oli.rbksch.org Website: www.oli.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Mrs F Robertson</p>	60	142

	Number of places available in 2021	Number of applications received for 2020
<p>Robin Hood Primary and Nursery School (Academy with a nursery) DfE number 314 2020 Bowness Crescent, Kingston Vale SW15 3QL Phone: 020 8546 7388 Email: office@robinhood.rbksch.org Website: www.robinhoodprimary.org.uk Headteacher: Mr P Boulton</p>	30	43
<p>St Agatha's Catholic Primary School (Academy school with a nursery) DfE number 314 3503 St Agatha's Drive, Kingston KT2 5TY Phone: 020 8546 3879 Email: office@stagathas.school Website: www.stagathas.school Headteacher: Mrs E Cahill</p>	60	131
<p>St Andrew's and St Mark's CofE Junior School (Voluntary aided school) DfE number 314 3304 Maple Road, Surbiton KT6 4AL Phone: 020 8390 2976 Email: office@sasm.rbksch.org Website: www.sasm.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Mrs A Vigurs</p>	90	124
<p>St John's CofE Primary School (Voluntary aided school with a nursery) DfE number 314 3305 Portland Road, Kingston KT1 2SG Phone: 020 8546 7179 Email: admin@stjohns.rbksch.org Website: www.stjohns.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Mrs L Esua</p>	30	149
<p>St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Voluntary aided school with a nursery) DfE number 314 3502 The Fairfield, Kingston KT1 2UP Phone: 020 8546 7178 Email: office@stjosephs.rbksch.org Website: www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Mrs S Keefe</p>	30	116
<p>St Luke's CofE Primary School (Foundation school with a nursery) DfE number 314 5200 Acre Road, Kingston KT2 6EN Phone: 020 8546 0902 Email: office@stlukes.rbksch.org Website: www.stlukes.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Mr G Dutton</p>	30	256

	Number of places available in 2021	Number of applications received for 2020
<p>St Mary's CofE Primary School (Voluntary aided school with a nursery) DfE number 314 3311 Church Lane, Chessington KT9 2DH Phone: 020 8397 9597 Email: office@stmarys.rbksch.org Website: www.stmaryschessington.co.uk Acting Headteacher: Ms S Playle</p>	30	72
<p>St Matthew's CofE Primary School (Voluntary aided school) DfE number 314 3310 Langley Road, Surbiton KT6 6LW Phone: 020 8399 3909 Email: admin@stmatthews.rbksch.org Website: www.stmatthews.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Miss P Dryden</p>	60	318
<p>St Paul's CofE Primary School, Kingston Hill (Voluntary aided school) DfE number 314 3309 Princes Road, Kingston KT2 6AZ Phone: 020 8549 4555 Email: admin@stpaulskh.kingston.sch.uk Website: www.stpaulskh.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Mr K Edmonds</p>	60	235
<p>St Paul's CofE Primary School (Chessington) (Voluntary aided school) DfE number 314 3308 Orchard Road, Chessington KT9 1AJ Phone: 020 8397 3553 Email: office@sph.rbksch.org Website: www.stpaulsp.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Ms E Evans</p>	30	137
<p>Tolworth Infant and Nursery School (Community school with a nursery) Federated with Tolworth Junior School DfE number 314 2025 School Lane, Surbiton KT6 7SA Phone: 020 8399 4231 Email: admin@tins.rbksch.org Website: www.tolworthschool.org.uk Headteacher: Ms R Seivright-Nye</p>	90	330
<p>Tolworth Junior School (community school) Federated with Tolworth Infant and Nursery School DfE number 314 2024 Douglas Road, Surbiton KT6 7SA Phone: 020 8399 4472 Email: admin@tjs.rbksch.org Website: www.tolworthj.kingston.sch.uk Headteacher: Ms R Seivright-Nye</p>	90	108

Section 2:

Six steps in applying for a primary school place

Children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 are eligible to start primary school in September 2021. You apply for schools through your own home council. This is the council area where you live and to which you pay Council Tax.

Children with special educational needs or an education, health and care plan

If your child has an education, health and care plan (EHCP), you should not complete the application as your application will be dealt with by the Special Educational Needs Team. To contact the SEN Team please call 020 8547 5872 or email senteam@achievingforchildren.org.uk.

If your child is undergoing an education health care needs assessment, but it is not yet complete, please fill in the online or paper application. If you are in any doubt whether to complete an application, please contact School Admissions.

Step 1: Understanding the admission process

- You may apply for up to six state funded schools, including academies and free schools, on one application.
- You must list the schools in Kingston borough and in other council areas, in the order that you prefer them.
- You should check if you need to complete a supplementary information form for the schools you are applying to. If the school is outside Kingston borough, please refer to the relevant local authority or contact the school.
- Please apply online, or if this is not possible, on a paper form, **not both**. If we received more than one application for the same child, we will consider the most recent application received by the closing date. See page 22.
- You must make an application even if your child currently attends the nursery at your preferred school.
- If your child has a brother or sister already in the school, you must still apply for a place by 15 January 2021. Brothers and sisters must still be attending the school in September 2021 to give your child sibling priority for a place.
- If you think there are exceptional family, social or medical needs that make a school the most suitable for your child, you should make it clear on your application and attach supporting evidence. See page 20 and 21 for more guidance on applying under this criterion.
- If you are applying for more than one child, for example twins, you must complete a separate application for each child.
- If you apply for a church school, you need to read the admissions criteria carefully to decide if your child is likely to be offered a place. The criteria can be found on each school's website.
- If applying for a church school, please check if you need to complete the school's own extra form, known as the supplementary information form. Completed supplementary information forms must be sent direct to the school to be received no later than the closing date of 15 January 2021. The school governors are responsible for admissions to these schools, therefore any questions you have about admission to these schools should be addressed directly to the school.

School preferences

- The order of preference in which you list your schools is confidential. Schools are not told the preference order in which you have listed them.
- Each school listed on your application considers your child's application against its admission criteria only and not according to the order of preference you put the school on your application. This guarantees that, for example, an application from a parent who has ranked the school as sixth preference is considered equally to an application on which the school is ranked as first preference.
- If your child meets the admission criteria for more than one school, your home council will look at your preference order and you will be offered the highest preference school for which your child has met the admission criteria.
- If your home council is not able to offer your child a place at any of the schools you applied for, you will be offered, where possible, a place at another school.

Order of preference

You should think carefully about your order of preference when you decide how to list the schools you are applying for. This is because if your child qualifies for a place at a number of schools, you will only be made one offer of the school which you named as a higher preference.

The following example illustrates the importance of the order of preference.

Preference	School	Qualify for place?	Outcome
1st	Fern Hill	No	On waiting list
2nd	St Agatha's	Yes	Offer
3rd	Latchmere	Yes	withdrawn
4th	Meadlands	Yes	withdrawn
5th	The Russell	No	withdrawn
6th	None named	-	-

Think carefully about your preferences

You need to be realistic in making your preferences. This is because you may not receive an offer at any of your preferred schools if your child is unlikely to meet the criteria. This could happen if you live too far away from the schools or if you name a church school but do not attend the church connected to that school. Due to the high demand for places, you are advised to include your closest community school where your application can be considered on home to school distance.

Changing your preferences or changing the order

If you wish to change your preferences after the closing date or you wish to change the preference order, please note all your preferences will be considered as late applications and considered after all on-time applications.

Step 2: Collecting information about schools

- The decision about which school you would like your child to attend is an important one. To help you decide you should gather as much information as possible.
- Look at the schools' website for their individual information about their schools and the details of their admission criteria. Look at the map on pages 8 and 9 which shows where the schools are located.
- Look at the information given on schools' websites as to how the places have been allocated for the last three years. For community schools, this information can be found by via [the link](#) and clicking on 'Downloads'.
- Visit schools. It is important for parents to visit schools before deciding which ones to apply for. Please contact the schools you are interested in for information and details of open days and visiting times. During the Covid-19 situation, please check with individual schools regarding their availability for visits.

Step 3: Deciding which schools to apply for

How schools decide which children to admit

If fewer people apply to a school than there are places available, every applicant will be offered a place. If more people apply for a school than there are places available, the school will use admission criteria (rules) to work out which children can be offered places in the following order of priority (after taking account of any children for whom the school is named in an education, health and care plan (EHCP).

The admission criteria are also known as oversubscription criteria. You will find the admission criteria for each Kingston community primary school below. The admissions criteria for other schools vary depending on the type of school you are applying for and can be found on each school's website. For example, schools that have faith-based criteria may require a reference from a parish priest or other minister of religion. If you are applying for a place at one of these schools, make sure you understand their admission criteria. Any questions you have about admission to these schools should be addressed directly to the school.

Before making your application, please look carefully at the admission criteria and how places were offered for the last three years for each school. For example, if your application is considered under the distance criterion, your chances of obtaining a place at a school a long way from where you live may be less than at a school nearer your home. You are advised to name your nearest community school or a school that will consider your application on home to school distance by using all six preferences. This will maximise your chances of being offered a preferred school.

The admission criteria for community infant and primary schools

These criteria will be applied to every application naming a community school. The same criteria are used to order applications remaining on a school's waiting list.

- (i) **Places will be offered firstly to looked after children or previously looked after children**
Applications made under this criterion must be accompanied by details of circumstance and professionally supported evidence (such as from a social worker).
- (ii) **Places will be offered next to children who have a brother or sister (sibling)**, including an adopted, foster, half or step brother or sister, living at the same address and attending Reception to Year 6 at the same school (or the paired junior school) at the time of admission.
- (iii) **Places will then be offered in cases of exceptional family, social or medical need** (which must be described on the application and verified by professionally supported evidence) that makes the school concerned the most suitable one for the individual child.
- (iv) **Places will then be offered to children of members of staff** who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application and will continue to be employed at the school at the point of admission or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- (v) **The remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the school**, as measured by a straight line to the nearest school gate. All distances will be measured using School Admissions' computerised geographical information system. For Ellingham Primary School (in Chessington) only, a child living in the Malden Rushett area will have priority over children who live nearer to the school but outside that area.

If there are more applicants within each criterion, distance from home to school will be used as a tie-breaker and will be measured using the School Admissions' computerised geographical information system.

For applicants who live the same distance from the school, random selection by the drawing of lots is used as a final tie-breaker.

If a parent applies for entry into the same year group for more than one child, and there is only one place available, random selection by the drawing of lots is used to decide which child should have the place. The names of the remaining brothers or sisters will be added to the waiting list in accordance with criterion (ii).

Explanation of each criterion

(i) Looked after children or previously looked after children

To qualify for the highest priority, currently looked after and previously looked after children are defined as:

- children who are in the care of a local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989, at the time an application for a school is made
- children who were previously in the care of a local authority **immediately before** they were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order

Required evidence for a looked after child

If you are applying for a child who **is currently** in the care of a local authority, you must provide:

- a written statement from the child's social worker which confirms that:
 - the child is **currently** a looked after child and is subject to a Section 20 Children Act 1989 agreement (signed by parent(s) and the local authority) or a **current** interim care order, or a **current** final care order
 - the name of the local authority the child has been placed in the care of
 - the child is currently placed with a foster carer or in local authority accommodation

Required evidence for a previously looked after child

If you are applying for a child who **was previously** in the care of a local authority, you will need to provide the following evidence according to your child's circumstances below:

- for **adopted** children, you must provide:
 - an adoption order made under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, including the schedule which confirms details of the date and place of birth, and the placement of the child.
Please note: children adopted from overseas are not classified as children in public care and therefore will not be considered under this criterion
- for children subject to a **special guardianship order** you must provide:
 - a written statement from the local authority where the child was previously in care confirming the child was in local authority care **immediately before** a special guardianship order was made
 - a special guardianship order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian(s), under section 14A of the Children Act 1989
- for children subject to a **child arrangements order** you must provide:
 - a written statement from the local authority where the child was previously in care confirming the child was in local authority care **immediately before** a child arrangements order was made
 - a child arrangements order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live with under section 8 of the Children Act 1989 (as amended by section 12 of the Children and Families Act)

(ii) Brother or sister (sibling) attending the school

If you have an older child including an adopted, foster, half or step brother or sister, currently attending your preferred primary, infant or paired junior school **who will still be attending in September 2021**, living with you at the same address as the child you are applying for, make sure you give that child's details on your application under sibling details. **Please note that your older child must be currently attending the same school and will be on roll at the same school at the time your child will be admitted.**

(iii) Exceptional family, social or medical need

All Kingston schools have experience of dealing with children with different social and medical needs. There will only be a few cases when a child has to go to a specific school for exceptional family, social or medical reasons.

Please note that if your child has special educational needs or if your child may need additional support in school, but does not have an education, health and care plan, it is not possible to consider their application for a higher priority under this criterion.

Please note: support for a child's educational needs can be met at any of our schools. Therefore, we do not consider educational reasons under this criterion.

If you feel there are any exceptional medical, family and/or social reasons why your child must attend a particular school, you must complete the 'reasons for preference' box for that school and provide reasons and supporting evidence from a relevant professional, such as a doctor and/or consultant for medical cases, or a social worker, health visitor, housing officer, the police or probation officer for other social circumstances. This evidence must confirm the circumstances of the case and must set out why the child can only attend a particular school and why no other school could meet the child's needs.

Providing evidence does not guarantee that a child will be given priority at a particular school. In each case, a decision will be made based on the merits of the case and whether the evidence demonstrates that a placement should be made at one particular school above any other.

Family, social or medical priority would normally only be given in exceptional circumstances if the child or a close family member has an illness or disability, or if there are any other exceptional reasons that mean that one school is more suitable than another. For the purposes of this criterion, the meaning of disability is pursuant to Section 6 and Schedule 1, Part 1 of the Equality Act 2010. You **must** provide this supporting evidence by the closing date, **15 January 2021**. You need to supply this evidence even if you apply online.

All applications are considered individually and must include the following:

- specific medical evidence that gives reasons and provides supporting information **why only one school** can meet a child's individual needs. This can be from a professional such as a GP, hospital consultant or specialist or any other medical professional, social worker, educational psychologist
- evidence and reasons that explain the family's exceptional circumstances, including social reasons **why only one school** can meet the child's needs and why those needs cannot be met at any other school

If the requested school is not the nearest school to the child's home address, provide clear reasons with supporting evidence to show why the nearest school is not appropriate.

Evidence should make clear why only one school is appropriate and the effect on your child if they do not attend this school.

We do not consider reasons such as your place of work, childcare arrangements or previous family connections to be strong enough to be considered under this criterion. All applicants applying under this criterion are advised that the evidence provided to support their application must be as detailed and objective as possible.

Please submit supporting documentary evidence with your application. If you apply online and request consideration under this criterion, you must still submit supporting evidence which may be scanned and attached to your application.

If you apply on a paper form, your supporting information should be in a sealed envelope and marked for the attention of the Council's School Admissions Officer. All information supplied is treated in strictest confidence.

Note: Applicants who submit supporting information to be considered under this criterion will not be advised whether their application is likely to be successful in advance of receiving the outcome of their application on 16 April 2021.

(iv) Children of staff

If you are a member of staff who has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application and will continue to be employed at the school at the point of admission or you have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. We will confirm your status with the school concerned.

(v) Distance from home to school

If your application is likely to be considered under the distance criterion, try to consider whether you live close enough to the school for your child to qualify for a place. The final cut-off distance for admissions over the past three years has been put on each school's website. For community schools, this information can be accessed via the link under Step 2 above.

Please note this is only a guide as the cut-off distances vary from year-to-year. Even if your home to school distances within the previous years' cut-off distances for a school, there is no guarantee your child will obtain a place there for next September.

Measuring home to school distance

The council uses a standard method of measuring home to school distance in a straight line using the School Admissions' computerised geographical information system and data supplied by Ordnance Survey. The starting point of the measurement is a grid reference point within the property, which is supplied by Ordnance Survey. The end point is measured to the named or nearest school gate where the school has more than one school gate.

Step 4: Completing your application

Apply online from 1 September 2020 and by the closing date of 15 January 2021

You should apply online by going to www.eadmissions.org.uk. However, if the schools you are applying for require a supplementary information form, you will need to complete this and send it to the address stated on the form. If you do not have internet access at home, it is free to apply online at any library in Kingston or you can ask about facilities at your child's primary school.

If you wish to apply online, you must have an email address. The eAdmissions website will have a link for you to register for a free email account. You will be sent an email with a reference number to confirm that your application has been received.

The reference number will look like this: 314-2021-09-E-001234. If you do not receive an email with a reference number, it means your application has not been submitted and you should log back into the eAdmissions system and submit your application (or you may need to adjust your email software to receive 'no reply' emails).

If you have used the eAdmissions website to apply for schools before, please sign in to your existing online account. There are links to help you if you forgotten your user name and/or password. If you have not used eAdmissions before, you need to create a new online account before you can apply for schools.

If you have any difficulty signing in to your existing eAdmissions account or creating a new one, please use the Help section at the top of the eAdmissions Home page and choose Help - How to Register or FAQs (frequently asked questions) sections.

If you still need help to sign in or create an account please contact the eAdmissions support desk, using the links in How to Register and FAQs sections as this is the quickest way to get help. Alternatively, you can phone 020 8255 5555 and choose option 1 to speak to someone on the support desk.

On the evening of 16 April 2021, you will be sent an email advising you of the result of your application. After you receive this email, you will be able to log on and view your application result online, and accept or decline your offer of a school place online.

Completing a paper application form

We recommend that you apply online if possible. However, if you are unable to do so, you should complete Kingston Council's application form that you can obtain by phoning School Admissions on 020 8547 4610 or email kingston.admissions@achievingforchildren.org.uk.

If you apply on paper you will receive an email on 16 April giving you the outcome of your application.

Only make one application either online OR on paper, NOT both. If we receive more than one application for the same child, we will consider the most recent application received by the closing date.

Late applications

Applications received after the closing date of **15 January 2021** will only be considered after all applications received by the closing date. This is unless you are able to provide proof, up to **10 February 2021 only**, that there were **exceptional reasons** that prevented you from applying on time. Applications received after 10 February will only be considered after those received by the closing date.

Moving into Kingston upon Thames before the allocation process

If you move into the area after the closing date, but before 10 February 2021, and you can provide documentary evidence to confirm this, your application will be processed at the same time as those applications received by 15 January 2021.

If you move into the area after 10 February 2021, your application will only be considered after those received by the closing date. Please note no changes at all can be made after this date. If we are unable to offer your child a place at one of your preferred schools on 16 April 2021, their name will be placed on the school's waiting list in criteria order. No changes can be made to an application and no new applications can be considered until after 16 April 2021.

Applying for a school place after the allocation process

If you apply for a school place or move into the area after the allocation of places, you will still be able to apply and name up to six preferences. We will offer you a place at one of your preferred schools if this is possible. If all the places at your preferred schools have been allocated, your child's name will be added to waiting lists in criteria order. You and your child must be living at the address you use on your application.

Department for Education (DfE) number

You will need this for a paper application only.

- For Kingston's primary schools, the DfE numbers are listed on pages 10 to 15.
- For primary schools in other areas, please see page 33 for details of local authorities bordering this borough. You should be able to find DfE numbers in the relevant council's admissions brochure.

Supplementary information forms

A supplementary information form is only required when a school needs additional information to apply its admission criteria. Please check whether any schools you are applying for, including those in other council areas, require a supplementary information form to be completed.

If you apply to a school that requires a supplementary information form, and you do not complete and return the form, the school will still consider your application along with those applications that were supported by a supplementary information form.

However, it may not be possible for the school to apply their admission criteria to your application and this could reduce your child's chances of being offered a place.

Child's home address

All school applications are subject to address checks to ensure that school places are allocated fairly and in accordance with published admissions arrangements. These checks may be made using council records and systems, agencies, fraud departments, education settings or other resources available to us, to confirm that the address you have given in your application is your child's permanent home address and the correct address to be used for a school application. If there are any doubts about your address details we may request further evidence. It is your responsibility as the applicant, to provide evidence when requested, to support your application.

The council will investigate any applications where there are doubts about the information provided or where information has been received that suggests a fraudulent or misleading application has been made. An address of convenience is one which is used to gain an advantage in accessing a school place using an address which is not the child's main or only residence. Some examples of circumstances which may be considered as an address of convenience are (please note, this list is not exhaustive):

- using an address of a relative, friend or child minder
- using the address of a parent with whom the child spends the minority of the week
- use of a rented or second owned property address on a temporary basis which gains advantage in the admissions process whilst still continuing to own or rent an alternative property which has been used as the home address
- use of a local address whilst the child lives overseas

We will investigate if we suspect that an address has been used to obtain school place and an alternative address is owned or rented and available to the applicant.

In making a decision, we will consider the following factors and take into account any evidence seen during the address verification process, including:

- the preference schools, and if they are oversubscribed
- if the address being used gains an advantage in the admissions process
- the distance of the properties to the preference schools
- the length of time the arrangement has been in place
- the information held by any current education providers and services working with the family

Before we make our decision as to whether we will accept an address or not, we will consider your circumstances in accordance with the guidance set out below, which should be read in its entirety. If an address of convenience is found to have been used, we will determine the address to be used based on the evidence found in our investigations.

We may seek evidence from council records, schools or any other source we consider appropriate.

The council may refer cases to the Internal Audit and Investigation Service for further investigation, and may make a home visit. This could lead to legal action.

Proof of address

In order to prioritise applications correctly, we will verify that home to school distances are being measured using the child's correct home address.

You are not permitted to use a temporary address to secure a school place for your child. This includes a business address, a childminder's address, or any other address, including that of a family member or friend.

The address you give on your application must be the one where your child is living permanently. An application can only be made from a single address and only a single application made for each child. We can only apply the home to school distance criterion using the address you have provided once you *and* your child have moved into the property. If there are doubts about the permanence for the address on your application, we will investigate further.

If you are connected to more than one address, for example, you own a property and are renting and living in another, we may not be able to use your rental address for your application.

If you own two or more properties, you will need to demonstrate that the address used for the application is your permanent family home.

If you rent out a property which you own and which has been your family home, or put it up for sale, please note this address could **still** be used to apply the home to school distance criterion.

Where the applicant owns and or rents a property that the child previously lived in, and uses another address for the child's application, we will not generally accept this application address without an explanation and evidence to support that this is a **permanent move**, or if we believe it is being used as an address of convenience to obtain a school place where an alternative address is still available for the applicant. We will consider the information provided, make a decision about whether this is an address of convenience before deciding the correct address to be used to apply the home to school distance criterion.

Where parents live separately, the application must be based on the address where the child lives most of the time. Where the child lives equally with both parents at different addresses, parents must decide who makes the application before applying. Only one application can be made for the child. Proof of the equal shared care agreement and the child's residency at this address should be provided with the application in all such circumstances.

If the parent with whom the child lives less of the time applies, we will not accept that application. We will not mediate between parents if there is a dispute or when two applications are submitted, one by each parent. Only one application will be accepted, and the final decision will rest with us after all submitted evidence has been considered.

If you move at any time during the admissions process (the admissions process covers the entire period from submitting your application to your child starting school), you must inform the School Admissions Team **immediately** and include circumstances of your move to ensure that the correct address is used for your child's application and school places are offered fairly and correctly.

If you move to a new address and have advised us, once our address verification checks have been made, we will revise your child's position on the waiting lists for each of the schools that you prefer so that your application is considered correctly following this change of circumstances.

If you are a member of UK Services personnel (HM Forces or Crown Servants), please read the information on page 25.

Children living abroad

If you currently live abroad but intend to move to the Kingston borough prior to your child starting school, we will accept an admission application but this will normally be based on your address abroad. We will only accept a Kingston address for admissions purposes for the initial round of allocations if you are physically resident at this address by the closing date of 15 January 2021. We will not be able to complete the admissions process to the point of offering a school place until the family and the child are living at the address used to apply the home to school distance criterion. This address must not be an address of convenience.

If parents or carers wish to discuss their circumstances, they should email kingston.admissions@achievingforchildren.uk describing their circumstances and a related timeline.

If an offer of a school place is made on the basis of false or misleading information, the Council reserves the right to withdraw the offer at any stage during the admission process. The admission process refers to the time from when you submit your application to the time your child starts school. In disputed cases we will make a judgment based on evidence available to us.

If you suspect that a parent has applied using an address that the child does not live at, please do not hesitate to let us know by phoning 020 8547 5569 or emailing kingston.admissions@achievingforchildren.org.uk. Any information received will be treated in strictest confidence.

Children of UK service personnel

If you are an HM Forces family with a confirmed posting to this area, or a UK Crown Servant returning to this area from overseas, you can apply for a Reception year school place for September 2021 by the closing date of 15 January 2021. This is provided your application is accompanied by official documentary evidence from your employer that confirms a relocation date and your address in Kingston.

The date you take up your post must be before the beginning of term in September 2021. If you are applying for a school place for your child other than to start Reception in September 2021, please see Section 4.

Step 5: Submitting your application

The closing date for receipt of your application and any supplementary information forms is 15 January 2021.

Before you submit your application please check that you:

- are familiar with the admission criteria for each school you are applying for
- are clear on the order you want to list the schools you are applying for
- do not waste a preference by naming a school where your child is unlikely to qualify for a place
- have considered naming your nearest school and you have used all six preferences, as this will increase your chances of obtaining a place for your child at one of your preferred schools

Parents' and carers' declaration

Please read through the checklist carefully and ensure you read the declaration before submitting your application by the closing date.

Step 6: Being offered a place

Your application outcome

If your child meets the admission criteria for only one of the schools you applied for, your home council will offer you a place at that school, whatever borough or county the school is in.

If your child meets the admission criteria for more than one school, your home council will look at your order of preference and offer you a place at the school that you have given higher preference to on your application.

If your child does not meet the admission criteria for any of the schools you applied for and you are a Kingston borough resident, Kingston Council will offer you a place at another school where possible. This school will be the nearest Kingston school to your home address with places remaining.

If you applied online, you will be sent an email with the outcome of your application during the evening of **16 April 2021**. You will also be able to log on to the eAdmissions website www.eadmissions.org.uk to view the outcome during the evening of **16 April 2021**. If you applied on paper, you will be sent an email on **16 April 2021**. **You must accept or decline this offer online by going to www.eadmissions.org.uk and selecting 'view outcome and respond', or respond by email if you applied on paper.**

If you have not been offered your first preference school, you will be sent an email on **16 April 2021** that will give you more information about the process and what to do next. If you applied on paper, you will be sent an email on **16 April 2021**.

You must accept or decline your offer by 30 April 2021 either through the eAdmissions system if you applied online, or respond by email by this date if you applied on paper.

After 10 May 2021, we will re-offer any Kingston school places that may have become vacant since original offers were made, in accordance with the individual school's admission criteria.

Waiting lists for Kingston schools after the initial allocation on 16 April 2021

Your child's name will automatically be put on the waiting list, in criteria order, of any school that is a higher preference to the school they have been offered. The names of late applicants will be added to waiting lists in criteria order regardless of the date the application was received.

Waiting list positions are subject to change. You should be aware that if an application is received for a child who has higher priority under the school's admission criteria, it can affect your child's position on a waiting list. They can move down as well as up the list.

Waiting lists for community schools will be held in criteria order (regardless of when an application is received) until the end of the academic year in July 2022. After this date, parents will have to request in writing to have their child's name added to a waiting list for any community school. **Any request to add your child's name to a school's waiting list, must be made via your home local authority, and not directly to the school.**

For waiting list arrangements at academies, church, free and foundation schools, please contact the school for relevant information.

Waiting lists in other council areas

Schools in other areas may operate their waiting lists in a different way to this council. Please check if you are applying for a school in another area as to what arrangements they will follow. However, any requests to join a school's waiting list must be made to your home council.

Section 3:

Transferring to junior school

Step 1: The junior school admission process

Children in separate infant schools (for 4 to 7 year olds) transfer to a junior school in the September following their seventh birthday, at the start of Year 3. **If your child is currently attending an infant school and was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014, they are due to attend a junior school from September 2021.** You will therefore need to complete a junior school application.

Children who have an education, health and care plan

If your child has an education, health and care plan, you do not need to fill in an application. This is because they will be offered a place at the junior school named in their plan in accordance with the Education Act 1996 and the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice. Similarly, an assessment placement at a particular school considered most suitable for the child's needs, can be reserved pending the outcome of an education, health and care needs assessment.

School preferences

Each school listed on your application considers your child's application separately against its admission criteria only and not according to the order of preference you give the school. This guarantees that, for example, an application from a parent who has ranked the school as a second preference is treated in the same way as an application on which the school is ranked as first preference.

If you name junior schools in other council areas, your home council will pass details of your application to the admissions authority of each school you wish to apply to. The admissions authority will then determine whether a place can be offered using their published admission criteria. This information will be passed back to your home council, for example, if you live in Kingston upon Thames and name a Richmond borough school as a preference, Richmond Council will let us know whether your child has qualified for an offer.

If your child meets the admission criteria for more than one of your preferred schools, you will be offered a place at your highest preferred junior school by your own home council.

Step 2: Deciding which junior schools to apply for

Community infant schools and their paired community junior schools offer the same number of places and are listed below.

- Burlington Infant and Nursery School **and** Burlington Junior School
- Coombe Hill Infant School **and** Coombe Hill Junior School
- Tolworth Infant and Nursery School **and** Tolworth Junior School

If your child attends one of the above infant schools and you apply for a place at the paired junior school, you are likely to qualify for an offer of a place. This is because attending the infant school is the second highest criterion for allocating places if the school receives more applications than places. However, your child's transfer cannot be guaranteed as this will depend on how many applications are received for children with an education, health and care plan, formerly known as a statement of special educational needs, and children under the 'looked after' category (these are children currently or previously in public care), which is the highest priority for admission.

For community schools, information on how places were offered in the last three years can be found the [link](#) and clicking 'downloads'.

School paired with a voluntary aided (church) junior school

- Maple Infants' School **and** St Andrew's and St Mark's CofE Junior School

The governors of St Andrew's and St Mark's CofE Junior School are responsible for the admission of pupils. Please read their admission criteria which can be found on the school's website, together with details of how places were offered in the last three years. Make sure to check if you need to complete the school's own extra form, known as the supplementary information form. **This form should be sent back to the school by the closing date of 15 January 2021.**

Step 3: Applying for junior school places

Apply online from 1 September 2020 and by the closing date of 15 January 2021

You should apply online by going to www.eadmissions.org.uk. If you are unable to access the website you can complete a paper form which is available from School Admissions on 020 8547 4610. **The closing date for applications is 15 January 2021.** If you live in another council area, you must apply on their junior school application form that will be available from your home council or online via your own council's website. Complete the application naming your preferred junior schools, whether they are in the Kingston borough or outside the borough. **Do not name any primary schools or private schools.**

If you have a child already attending your preferred junior school or paired infant school, **who will still be there in September 2021**, make sure you give that child's details on the application under the sibling details. See page 20 for further details about applying under the sibling (brothers and sisters) criterion.

If you think there are exceptional family, social or medical needs that make a school the most suitable for your child, you should make it clear on your application and attach professionally supported evidence. See page 20 for more guidance on applying under this criterion.

If you are applying for more than one child, for example twins, you must complete a separate application for each child.

You must only submit one junior school application per child. If we receive more than one application for the same child, we will consider the most recent application received by the closing date.

Late applications

Applications received after the closing date of **15 January 2021** will only be considered after all applications received by the closing date. This is unless you are able to provide proof that there were **exceptional reasons** that prevented you from applying on time and only up to 10 February 2021. All late applications received after 10 February will only be considered after those received by the closing date.

Moving into Kingston upon Thames before the allocation process

If you move into the area after the closing date, but before 10 February 2021, and you can provide satisfactory documentary evidence to confirm this, your application will be processed at the same time as those applications received by 15 January 2021.

If you move into the area after 10 February 2021, your application will only be considered after those received by the closing date. Please note, no changes at all can be made after 10 February. If we are unable to offer your child a place at one of your preferred schools on 16 April 2021, their name will be placed on the school's waiting list in criteria order. No changes can be made to an application after 10 February, and no new applications can be considered until after 16 April 2021.

Applying for a school place after the allocation process

If you apply for a school place or move into the area after the allocation of places, you will still be able to apply and name up to six preferences. We will offer you a place at one of your preferred schools if this is possible. If all the places at your preferred schools have been allocated, your child's name will be added to waiting lists in criteria order.

Children of UK service personnel

If you are an HM Forces family with a confirmed posting to this area, or a UK Crown Servant returning to this area from overseas, you can apply for a school place by the closing date of 15 January 2021. This is provided your application is accompanied by official documentary evidence from your employer that confirms a relocation date and your address in Kingston. The date you take up your post must be before the beginning of term in September 2021.

Children living abroad

If you currently live abroad but intend to move to the UK prior to your child starting school, we will accept an admission application but this will normally be based on your address abroad. We will only accept a Kingston address for admissions purposes for the initial round of allocations if you are physically resident at this address by the closing date of 15 January 2021. We will not be able to complete the admissions process to the point of offering a school place until the family and the child are living at the address used to apply the home to school distance criterion. This address must not be an address of convenience. Please see pages 23 to 25 for more information on "Child's Home Address".

If parents or carers wish to discuss their circumstances, they should email kingston.admissions@achievingforchildren.uk describing their circumstances and a related timeline.

In every case, we will consider the individual circumstances and make an evidence-based decision to satisfy ourselves that the application address is not an address of convenience, and is the permanent family home address.

Admission criteria for the community junior schools

These criteria will be applied to every application for a community junior school named as a preference on your application. The same criteria are used to order applications remaining on a school's waiting list.

- (i) **Places will be offered firstly to looked after children or previously looked after children**
Applications made under this criterion must be accompanied by details of circumstance and professionally supported evidence (such as from a social worker).
- (ii) **Places will be offered secondly to children attending the paired community infant school**
(criterion (ii) will only apply until 31 August 2021).
- (iii) **Places will be offered next to children who have a brother or sister (sibling)**, including an adopted, foster, half or step brother or sister, living at the same address and attending Reception to Year 6 at the same school (or the paired infant school) at the time of admission.
- (iv) **Places will then be offered in cases of exceptional family, social or medical need** (which must be described on the application and verified by professionally supported evidence) that makes the school concerned the most suitable one for the individual child.
- (v) **Places will then be offered to children of members of staff** who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application and will continue to be employed at the school at the point of admission or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- (vi) **The remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the school**, as measured by a straight line to the nearest school gate. All distances will be measured using School Admissions' computerised geographical information system. If there are more applicants within each criterion, distance from home to school will be used as a tie-breaker and will be measured using the School Admissions' computerised geographical information system.

For applicants who live the same distance from the school, random selection by the drawing of lots is used as a final tie-breaker.

If a parent applies for entry into the same year group for more than one child, and there is only one place available, random selection by the drawing of lots is used to decide which child should have the place. The names of the remaining brothers or sisters will be added to the waiting list in accordance with criterion (iii).

The looked after children and previously looked after children criterion (i), the brother and sister criterion (iii) and the exceptional family, social or medical need criterion (iv) are explained in more detail on pages 18 to 21. The importance of your home address and how the distance from your home to school is measured is also explained on pages 21, 23, 24 and 25.

To apply for a Year 3 place in a primary school

If your child is in Year 2 at an infant school and you wish to apply for a Year 3 place at a primary school, please contact us to find out if there are places available. If the school has places available in Year 2, your child may transfer when you apply.

If you only want to transfer your child in September 2021 and not before, you should contact us towards the **end of the summer term** (the summer term ends on 23 July 2021), to see if the school has a place available in September 2021. This is because places available during the school year cannot be reserved for children whose parents only wish them to start in September. As there is no guarantee that your preferred primary school will be able to offer your child a place, you are still advised to complete a junior application by the closing date of 15 January 2021. You **must not** name your preferred primary schools on this form.

Step 4: Being offered a junior school place

Your application outcome

If your child meets the admission criteria for only one of the schools you applied for, your home council will offer you a place at that school, whatever borough or county the school is in.

If your child meets the admission criteria for more than one school, your home council will look at your order of preference and offer you a place at the school that you have given higher preference to on your application.

If your child does not meet the admission criteria for any of the schools you applied for and you are a Kingston borough resident, Kingston Council will offer you a place at another junior school where possible. This school will be the nearest Kingston junior school to your home address with places remaining.

If you applied online, you will be sent an email with the outcome of your application during the evening of **16 April 2021**. You will also be able to log on to the eAdmissions website www.eadmissions.org.uk to view the outcome during the evening of **16 April 2021**. If you applied on paper, you will be sent an email on **16 April 2021**. **You must accept or decline this offer online by going to www.eadmissions.org.uk and selecting 'view outcome and respond', or respond by email if you applied on paper.**

If you have not been offered your first preference school, you will be sent an email on **16 April 2021** that will give you more information about the process and what to do next. If you applied on paper, you will be sent an email on **16 April 2021**.

You must accept or decline your offer by 30 April 2021, either through the eAdmissions system if you applied online, or respond by email by this date if you applied on paper.

After **10 May 2021** we will re-offer any Kingston junior school places that may have become vacant since original offers were made, in accordance with the individual school's admission criteria.

Waiting list arrangements

Please see page 26 for information about waiting lists. Please note - any request to add your child's name to a school's waiting list, must be made via your home local authority, and not directly to the school.

Section 4: Applying for a school place at any time during the school year September 2020 to July 2021 (known as in-year admissions)

Whether you are moving to Kingston or would like your child to move schools within Kingston, please use the link below to read about in-year admissions and the frequently asked questions before completing your in-year application.

www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200342/apply_for_a_school_place/369/apply_for_an_infant_junior_or_primary_school_place_at_any_time_of_the_year

www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200222/1637/faqs_for_schooling_in_kingston_borough

If you are moving into the Kingston borough, we will not be able to complete the in-year admissions process to the point of offering a school place unless your child can take up the school place immediately.

We will need to validate the address to be used for the application address, and we cannot complete the validation process until the family and the child are living at the address to be used to apply the home to school distance criterion. This address must not be an address of convenience. Please see pages 23 to 25 for more information on “Child’s home address”.

Children of UK service personnel

If you are an HM Forces family with a confirmed posting to this area, or a UK Crown Servant returning to this area from overseas, you can apply for an in-year school place up to four months in advance of your return. This is provided your application is accompanied by official documentary evidence from your employer that confirms a relocation date and your address in Kingston.

Fair access protocol

The Council and all primary schools, including academies and free schools in the Kingston borough have agreed a fair access protocol to admit children who are currently without a school place and may have difficulty finding a suitable school place.

The aims of the fair access protocol are to ensure that:

- a school place is found quickly for children with no school place who meet the criteria for consideration under the fair access protocol
- no school, including those with places available, is asked to admit a large number of children who have been excluded from other schools, have challenging behaviour or a history of behavioural problems
- the child is admitted to the most suitable school, even if there is no place available and the school has to go over their published admission number

Children who are admitted to schools under this protocol take priority over any children on waiting lists.

The Fair Access Panel, which considers applications under this protocol, consists of representative headteachers and senior council staff.

The panel makes the final decision on which school will be nominated to receive each case. This will take into account the suitability of the placement for the pupil and the school and, where possible, will ensure that the required additional resources are made available to support the pupil’s successful integration into school.

Section 5: Appeals

General

You have the legal right to appeal against a decision not to offer your child a place at any or all of the schools you have applied for. You are entitled to appeal for a place at your preferred school even though your child may have a place somewhere else.

The admissions authority for the school to which you are applying is required to explain to you why your child has not been offered a place at that school. They must also explain how you can appeal against this decision.

Your appeal will be heard by an appeal panel that is independent of the school admissions authority whose decision you are appealing against. You have the right to attend the hearing to explain your case to the independent appeal panel. To ensure their impartiality and independence, there are strict rules covering the appointment of the appeal panel members. The appeal panel's decision is binding on the admissions authority and the school, in other words the admissions authority and the school must accept the appeal panel's decision.

Appeal rules followed for all infant classes (Reception, Years 1 and 2)

The law states that there must not be more than 30 pupils in an infant class. If your child has been refused a place an appeal can only be successful in very limited circumstances. The appeal panel must consider the following:

- that the admission of additional children would not breach the infant class size limit
- whether the child would have been offered a place if the admission arrangements had not been contrary to mandatory provisions in the School Admissions Code and the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (in other words, the admission arrangements are found to be unlawful)
- whether the child would have been offered a place if the admissions arrangements had been followed properly
- whether the decision to refuse admission was not one that a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case

For the panel to judge that an admission authority had acted unreasonably, they would have to be satisfied that the decision not to admit the child was 'perverse in the light of the admission arrangements,' ie the decision taken was so outrageous in its defiance of logic or of accepted moral standards that no sensible person could ever have reached it.

Appeal rules followed for all other year groups (Years 3 to 6)

When considering an appeal for any other year group, appeal panels follow a two stage process in reaching decisions.

First, a factual stage: at which the panel considers whether the school's published admission arrangements were correctly applied in the individual's case, and decides whether prejudice (or harm) would arise to the efficient provision of education and/or the efficient use of resources in the school if the child was admitted.

Second, a balancing stage: at which the panel exercises its discretion, balancing between the degree of prejudice to the school (or harm) and the weight of the parent's case, before arriving at a decision.

Appeals for community schools

You have the right to appeal against a decision not to offer your child a place at your preferred community school. Full details of how to make an appeal will be given to you if your child is refused a place at your preferred school.

Appeals for all other schools

You are entitled to appeal against the decision of the governing body of an academy, foundation, voluntary aided or free school not to offer your child a place. Full details on how to make an appeal will be given to you by the school if your child is refused a place. An independent appeal panel will hear your appeal.

This independent appeal panel will be bound by the same rules as an independent appeal panel for a community school (see above). This includes appeals for admission to infant classes because the legal limit of 30 on the size of an infant class applies to all types of state school. The decision of the appeal panel is binding on the governing body of the school, the parents and the local authority.

Section 6: Schools in other council areas

If you are a Kingston borough resident and you wish to apply for schools in other council areas, you must include these on your Kingston application. Every council produces a brochure that gives full details of schools and their admission criteria. To obtain a copy of this contact the relevant council.

If your child lives outside the Kingston borough, you should complete the primary admission application form of the council where your child lives. All councils within London and its surrounding areas are working together to process primary admission applications in accordance with a common timetable. Admission policies vary from council to council and from school to school. You must therefore obtain full details of, and make sure that you find out the order in which places are offered at any schools that you prefer.

For admission details and advice on an individual school's admission policies, contact the education office of the home council shown for the school. Alternatively, you may contact the schools direct to ask about the policy followed if the school receives more applications than places available. Please note the national closing date for all Reception and junior school applications is 15 January 2021.

Details of the nearest schools within the five councils bordering Kingston

London Borough of Merton

Children, Schools and Families Department
Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden
SM4 5DX
T: 020 8274 4906
E: admissions@merton.gov.uk
W: www.merton.gov.uk/admissions

Surrey County Council

Admissions and Transport Team
Quadrant Court, 35 Guildford Road, Woking
GU22 7QQ
T: 0300 200 1004
E: schooladmissions@surreycc.gov.uk
W: www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

London Borough of Wandsworth

Pupil Services Section, Children's Services
Town Hall Extension, Wandsworth High Street,
London SW18 2PU
T: 020 8871 7316
E: admissions@wandsworth.gov.uk
W: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions

London Borough of Richmond upon Thames

School Admissions, Achieving for Children
Guildhall 2, Kingston upon Thames KT1 1EU
T: 020 8547 5569 (School Admissions - direct dial)
E: richmond.admissions@achievingforchildren.org.uk
W: www.richmond.gov.uk/schools

London Borough of Sutton

Children, Young People and Learning Directorate
Civic Offices, St Nicholas Way, Sutton SM1 1EA
T: 020 8770 5000
E: suttonadmissions@cognus.org.uk
W: www.sutton.gov.uk
Correspondence should be addressed to Sutton
Schools Admissions Team

Independent schools

These are schools where you pay fees for your child to attend. Kingston Council does not pay for places at independent schools. Further information can be obtained from:

Independent Schools Council, First Floor, 27 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9BU
T: 020 7766 7070 W: www.isc.co.uk

If you have any questions regarding school admissions, please contact:

School Admissions, Achieving for Children, Guildhall 2, Kingston upon Thames KT1 1EU
T: 020 8547 4610

Telephone contact hours: Monday to Friday 8.45am to 2.00pm

E: kingston.admissions@achievingforchildren.org.uk

W: www.kingston.gov.uk

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