



Secondary

School admissions
in Brighton & Hove

2021-22

**Closing date for
applications**
31 October 2020



A guide for parents and carers

- Transferring to secondary school
- Moving into the area

The aim of this booklet is to help parents obtain a place in school for their child. It explains the procedure to follow, the timescales and what to do if there are any problems or difficulties.

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本小册子的目的是帮助父母为他们的孩子取得一个学校的名额。它解释了要遵循的程序和时间表，以及当有任何的问题或困难时该如何处理。如需一份完整的翻译版本，请填写本小册子背面的表格，并将它寄到注明之地址。

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El propósito de este folleto es ayudar a los padres a obtener una plaza escolar para sus hijos. Se explica el procedimiento que es necesario seguir, los plazos y lo que debe hacerse en caso de que hubiese cualquier problema. Para obtener una traducción completa, puede rellenar el formulario que se incluye en la última página del folleto y enviarlo por correo a la dirección que se indica.

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O objetivo deste livreto é ajudar os pais na obtenção de uma vaga escolar para o seu filho. Encontram-se nele explicações sobre o procedimento a ser seguido, os cronogramas e o que fazer em caso de problemas ou dificuldades. Para obter uma tradução completa, preencha o formulário no verso do livreto e envie-o para o endereço indicado.

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- Your data may be shared with CACI international who are the software suppliers of the city council's admissions software. This will be purely for the purposes of system development and it will not be disclosed by them to any third party.
- The data that you provide will also be shared with the Department for Education.

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- We will hold your data on council systems until your child reaches the age of 26.
- If your child receives transport assistance, we will hold your data for 6 years after your child has ceased to be transported.
- After this time your data will be securely destroyed.

Your information rights

- Under GDPR you have certain rights concerning your information.
- For further information on your rights visit www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/about-website/privacy-and-cookies

Further information

- If you would like to discuss this further please contact our Information Governance Team on 01273 295959 or data.protection@brighton-hove.gov.uk
- Further information is also available on the council's website.

Contact information

If you want more information about the school admissions process, or if you want to comment about this booklet or the admission arrangements, please write to:

**School Admissions Team
Brighton & Hove City Council,
Hove Town Hall,
Norton Road, Hove, BN3 3BQ**

If you need a translated, large print, or audio copy of this booklet, or if you have difficulty reading and writing, please email

schooladmissions@brighton-hove.gov.uk
or phone the school admissions team on
01273 293653.

Telephone opening hours:

During these uncertain times the admissions team will be available on the phone between
8:30 – 1pm, Monday to Friday, but may only be operating a call back service.

If this situation changes updates will be available on the council's website.



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A school place for your child in September 2021

Transferring to secondary school is a momentous and exciting time in a child's life. It can be a time when both children and their parents/carers need support, advice and information about the admissions process. This booklet helps you make an application and understand how the application process works. It provides a profile of all of Brighton & Hove secondary schools alongside information about admission arrangements.

Covid-19 will impact upon the usual school open days/evenings. Further details of the new arrangement will be updated on school websites in September 2020.

Brighton & Hove City Council's website is the easiest way to make your application. You will get automatic acknowledgement of receipt of your application and you will also receive immediate notification of the decision on your application by e-mail on National Offer Day – 1 March 2021.

Please note that parents/carers have the right to express a preference rather than choose a school. When there are more applications for a school than there are places available, the admission priorities described in sections 4 and 5 of this booklet will be used.

Your first, second and third preferences will be considered together and your child will be offered a place at the highest ranked preference available. If the council cannot meet any of your preferences, we will offer your child a place at the nearest school with places available. There is no guarantee that your child will secure a place at schools within a listed catchment area.

In Brighton & Hove we believe all children should have the opportunity, encouragement and guidance to thrive and fulfil their true potential. The quality and diversity of our schools is something we are very proud of. In addition to their educational offer, the city's schools offer a wide range of activities, including the chance to participate in musical and sporting activities, as well as opportunities to make new friends. All secondary schools in the city have been rated 'Good' by Ofsted.

Whichever school you decide to apply for, please make your application through the Brighton & Hove City Council website, visiting www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions to make your application. Once you have read this booklet, if you have further questions, our school admissions team is ready to assist on tel: 01273 293653 or by e-mail at schooladmissions@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Please note: the closing date for applications is 31 October 2020.

We very much look forward to welcoming your child to one of our schools in September 2021.



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Interim Executive
Director
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& Learning



Cllr Hannah Clare
Chair of Children,
Young People and
Skills Committee

Before you make your application



DO Talk to your child about the decision.



DON'T be influenced by others. The right school for other children is not necessarily the right school for your child.



Visit schools

Ensure that you are entirely happy with your expressed preferences before submitting an application.

Visit the schools website or call the school for details about opportunities to visit. Contact details are on pages 24-25 of this booklet



Look at the school's prospectus

You can get this from the school. It will give you an idea of the school's ethos and character, national curriculum test results and public examination results.



Look to see how many places each school has available

This is called the published admission number or PAN. This number is set to take into account the number of pupils each school site can accommodate and how many places are needed in the local area.

The admission number for each school is listed under each school's entry on pages 24-25.



Consider how likely it is that your child will be offered a place at your preferred schools

Read the admissions criteria for each school and look to see which criteria apply to your child. The admissions criteria are listed in Section 4 for community schools or Section 5 for other schools. Look at allocation information from previous years which is available on the council's website.



Read Ofsted reports

You can view reports at www.ofsted.gov.uk



Consider how your child will travel to and from school



Use your three preferences

Select three different schools. Do not list the same school three times

Key dates in the admissions process

For children born between **1 September 2009** and **31 August 2010**

1 September 2020	Application process for transfer to Year 7 begins. Opportunity for parents and carers to visit individual schools. Prospectuses are available from schools
31 October 2020	Closing date for submitting online applications and paper forms to be received by the school admissions team or your child's current school. We strongly recommend that you do not delay your application to the last minute in case of technical problems. If you choose to apply on a paper form it is your responsibility to ensure that the form arrives at its destination on time
22 January 2021	Applications received late with good reason up to this date will be considered as on time. You must provide independent supporting evidence of the good reason or your application will be treated as late
January/February 2021	Applications analysed
1 March 2021	National Offer Day. No decisions will be issued by telephone. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents who applied online or provided an email address on their application will be notified by email of the outcome of their application• Letters will be sent by 1st class post to other parents to notify them of the outcome of their application
16 March 2021	Parents must confirm place offered. Closing date for parents to either accept or refuse the school place offered. If the parent does not reply, the offer may be withdrawn
April onwards	Places offered from the reallocation pool as they become available. Independent appeals panels meet to consider appeals from parents/carers who are unhappy with their school allocation
September 2021	Children start their new schools

School term dates 2021/22

Autumn term 2021

Friday 3 September - Friday 17 December

Autumn half-term

Monday 25 October - Friday 29 October

Spring term 2022

Tuesday 4 January - Friday 8 April

Spring half-term

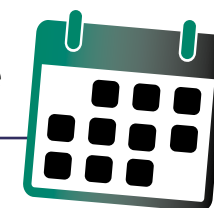
Monday 14 February - Friday 18 February

Summer term 2022

Monday 25 April - Friday 22 July

Summer half-term

Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June



Regardless of how you applied, you can also email **schooladmissions@brighton-hove.gov.uk** to accept a place, refuse a place or request to be in a reallocation pool and for any other queries.

Maximise your chances

All applications will be subject to the published admissions priorities

Apply on time



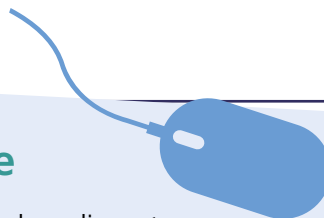
- The closing date is **31 October 2020**
- Any applications received after this will be processed after the majority of places have been allocated unless considered late with good reason
- A late application therefore means you are much less likely to get what you want
- Notifications of the places offered will be made on **1 March 2021** (unless your application is late)

Use all three preferences

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2
3

- You could disadvantage yourself if you don't use your opportunity to express a preference for three schools
- Each preference is considered in its own right, so give yourself three separate chances
- We only look at your order of preference (1st, 2nd or 3rd) if we are able to offer you a place at more than one of your preferences

Apply online



- You can only apply online at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions from **September 2020**
- You will be able to view your application and change your preferences up until the closing date
- Communication with you will be quicker
- You will receive email confirmation of receipt of your application.
- The school allocation decision will arrive by email on 1 March 2021 (rather than having to wait for the post to arrive)

Choose wisely

- Consider the school's oversubscription criteria
- Check carefully in which catchment area you live – see map on centre pages.
- Don't assume you will be allocated a place at your catchment school even if you state it as one of your preferences
- Visit as many schools as possible including those outside your immediate area

Applying for a school place

There are two ways to make your application for a school place if you are a Brighton & Hove resident and your child is due to start at secondary school in September 2021.

It can be done either:

- online via our website
www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions
- or if you don't have Internet access
- on a paper application. Copies are available from the school admissions team email schooladmissions@brighton-hove.gov.uk

You can use the online preference form to apply for a church voluntary aided (church) school, an academy, a free school or a school in another local authority area. However, you must remember to provide any additional supporting documents or information as required by that school's admission priorities. The supporting information must be handed directly to the school, and you must at that point tell the school if you have applied online.

If you are applying online for a community school but are providing supporting documents about exceptional circumstances, those documents should be submitted with your



application, handed in at the reception at Hove Town Hall, or sent to the school admissions team by 31 October 2020 (see Section 4).

If you decide to apply online we strongly recommend that you do not leave it until the last minute. Whilst our technical systems are robust, high demand could make it difficult for you to access the system if many other parents are trying to log in at the same time.

You can access the website:

- At home
- At an internet café
- At a library. Once you have signed up, you can use the WIFI within the library for free, from your own device. Alternatively, you can join the library to use the computers available
- On your phone or tablet

If you have any problems accessing or using our online school admissions site, please email us at schooladmissions@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Apply online!

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions

In September 2020 round of admissions **96.3%** of parents applied online. **The benefits of applying online include the following:**

- It's quick, safe and secure
- There is no risk of your application getting lost or delayed in the post
- If you want to change your application, it's easier and quicker to do it online **until midnight** on the closing date of **31 October 2020**
- The online facility is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week from September 2020
- You will receive email confirmation that we have received your application. Paper applications are not acknowledged
- Your decision will be sent to you by email on National Offer Day, 1 March 2021
- There are links to other websites that can provide you with useful information about schools

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Making an application

Always use the online facility or application form provided by Brighton & Hove City Council if you are a resident of Brighton & Hove. If you live anywhere else, you must use the preference form or the online admissions facility provided by your local council, even if you would like your child to attend a school in Brighton & Hove.

Decide which schools you prefer

You should decide which schools you would prefer your child to attend and then complete the online application or the paper form listing up to three different preferences.

You do not have to express three preferences. However, if you only give one preference, and are not offered a place at that school, you will be offered a place at the nearest school with an available place after everyone else's three preferences have been considered.

This may mean that by the time we look at allocating a place for your child, your local schools may be full and your child may have to travel some distance to get to school. Please remember that each of your preferences will be considered equally and separately. This means some places may be allocated to 2nd and 3rd preference applicants, while first preferences are refused because they fall

into a lower priority or were unsuccessful in the random allocation tie-break.

Listing second and third preferences will not affect your chance of being offered your first preference. Your first preference will only be considered above your second or third preference if we can offer you more than one school place. In that case we will offer you the highest ranked school we can, so please make sure you like your first preference more than your second preference and your second preference more than your third.

The following examples are provided to illustrate what may happen based on previous years' oversubscription levels. Please note: they are only possible scenarios. They are in no way a guide to this year's oversubscription* levels. Please do not assume that if your situation is the same as on of these examples, your application will inevitably have the same outcome.

Example 1) Tariq lives in the catchment area for Dorothy Stringer and Varndean. His parents want him to go to Varndean but they know that last year there were not enough places at Dorothy Stringer and Varndean for all the pupils living in the catchment area. So they also express a third preference for Brighton Aldridge Community Academy (BACA):

- 1- Varndean
- 2- Dorothy Stringer
- 3- BACA

Tariq is entered into the random allocation process for Dorothy Stringer and Varndean but is unsuccessful for both schools. BACA has enough spaces for all pupils wanting to go to this school so Tariq is allocated a place there.

Example 2) Geraint lives in the catchment area for Longhill. His parents want him to attend Cardinal Newman Catholic School because he currently attends a church school, but he is not a Catholic. They list the following preferences:

- 1- Peacehaven Community School
- 2- Cardinal Newman Catholic School
- 3- Longhill High School

Geraint's application is shared with East Sussex County Council who consider Geraint for a place at Peacehaven but they are not able to offer him a place as he does not fit their admissions criteria. The governors of Cardinal Newman Catholic School are notified that Geraint's parents have listed their

school as a preference. They are able to offer Geraint a place even though he is not Catholic. He is also entered into the random allocation process for Longhill as he lives within the catchment area and it would be possible to offer a place there. Geraint is allocated a place at Cardinal Newman Catholic School as this is the higher preference.

Example 3) Samantha lives in the catchment area for Dorothy Stringer and Varndean. However her parents would like her to attend Blatchington Mill. They list the following preferences:

- 1- Blatchington Mill
- 2- Dorothy Stringer
- 3- Varndean

It is not possible to offer Samantha a place at Blatchington Mill because it is filled up with children who live within the catchment area. Samantha's name is entered in the random allocation process for both Dorothy Stringer and Varndean because both of these schools are oversubscribed with children within the catchment area. Samantha is successful in the random allocation for both Dorothy Stringer and Varndean.

The council offers her a place at Dorothy Stringer because it was higher on her list than Varndean.

Example 4) Jacqui lives in the catchment area for Hove Park and Blatchington Mill. Her parents would like her to go to Blatchington Mill and they feel that she is more likely to get in if they list this as their only preference. They list the following preferences:

- 1- Blatchington Mill
- 2- Blatchington Mill
- 3- Blatchington Mill

Jacqui is entered into the random allocation process for Blatchington Mill. She only has one entry even though her parents have listed the school three times. The random process does not offer her a place at Blatchington Mill. As her parents have not applied for a place at Hove Park, she cannot be offered a place at this school as they all have to be offered to children whose parents did apply for places there. This means that Jacqui has to be offered a place at Portslade Aldridge Community Academy, which is the nearest school with vacancies after everyone's preferences have been considered.

Example 5) Bradley lives in the catchment area for Patcham. However, his parents prefer Dorothy Stringer as it is closer to the family home. Their second preference is King's School as the family are church attenders.

They list the following preferences:

- 1- Dorothy Stringer
- 2- King's School
- 3- Patcham High

Bradley cannot be entered into the random allocation process for Dorothy Stringer as it is oversubscribed from within the catchment area and he lives outside it. However, Patcham High has enough places for all pupils in that catchment

area so he can be offered a place. The governors of King's School are able to offer Bradley a place as he fulfils their religious criteria and so Bradley's family receive a letter offering Bradley a place at King's School, as they placed this school higher on their list than Patcham High.



Types of secondary schools in Brighton & Hove

We co-ordinate applications for all schools. Brief definitions of the types of schools in Brighton & Hove are given below along with information about how the admission arrangements are set and applied for each school.

Community school

Brighton & Hove City Council sets and applies the admission arrangements for the following community schools. The admission arrangements are in Section 4.

- Blatchington Mill
- Dorothy Stringer
- Hove Park
- Longhill High
- Patcham High
- Varndean

Free school

A free school is a state school that is funded directly by the Department for Education (DfE). Like academies, free schools are independent from local authority control. The governors of the free school set their own admission arrangements. These admission arrangements are set out in Section 5.

- King's School

Academy

Academies are publicly funded independently run schools. The governors of the school set and apply the admission arrangements.

The governors for the two academies below have said they wish to follow the arrangements set for community schools in Section 4.

- Brighton Aldridge
Community Academy (BACA)
- Portslade Aldridge
Community Academy (PACA)

Voluntary aided school

Voluntary aided schools are schools with a religious character. They are their own admission authority. Their admission arrangements are likely to reflect the school's religious character. The admission arrangements are in Section 5.

- Cardinal Newman Catholic School

Co-ordinated admissions

Own-admission-authority schools

The council co-ordinates admission arrangements with BACA, PACA, Cardinal Newman and King's by using the same application process for all secondary schools.

If you live in Brighton & Hove you should apply for these schools using the Brighton & Hove online admissions facility or the Brighton & Hove preference form. Cardinal Newman and King's also have supplementary information forms, available from the school, which you will need to complete in order to apply for a place. These forms should be returned directly to the school by the closing date.

The governors of BACA, PACA, Cardinal Newman and King's are still responsible for offering places at their establishments. Please see Section 5 for details of how Cardinal Newman and King's will do this. BACA and PACA use the Brighton & Hove admission priorities in Section 4. The council will let parents know the school's decisions.

If your child is not offered a place at BACA, PACA, Cardinal Newman or King's, the council will offer an alternative place, where possible using your other listed preferences.

This joint working means that all parents will receive one offer of a school place because information about applications is shared.

How do I apply for a school place in another local authority area?

We share admissions information with neighbouring local authorities (LA). If you live in the city, any applications for schools in the area of another LA should be made using the Brighton & Hove online facility or application form. We will then contact that LA on your behalf. You are entitled to apply to different own-admission-authority and community schools and schools in other LAs, but you must do this through Brighton & Hove City Council if you live in Brighton & Hove.

- If you apply for schools in other local authority areas, you must do so on your Brighton & Hove application. We will then forward your application to that admission authority for a decision, and will let you know along with all the other parents who have applied for Brighton & Hove schools.
- If you are applying online you should use the Brighton & Hove online facility if you live within Brighton & Hove, even if you are applying for schools outside the city. We will ensure that your application is forwarded to the relevant admission authority.
- If you apply to an 'out-of-city' school that has been oversubscribed, the further away you live the less likely you are to obtain a place, even if it is your first preference. Check this with the relevant admission authority before applying.
- If you are resident in the city and do not apply online to Brighton & Hove or return a Brighton & Hove City Council preference

form you will not be allocated a place at a city school. If you are not sure whether you live within the boundary of Brighton & Hove City Council, please email the school admissions team on schooladmissions@brighton-hove.gov.uk for clarification.

The addresses of the local authorities adjoining Brighton & Hove are:

West Sussex County Council

County Hall, West Street
Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1RF
Tel: 033 301 42903
www.westsussex.gov.uk

East Sussex County Council

Admissions and Transport team
County Hall, St Anne's Crescent
Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1UE
Tel: 030 033 09472
www.eastsussex.gov.uk

Admission outside a normal age group

If you are applying for your child to have a decelerated entry to school, i.e. to start later than other children in their chronological age group, you should initially apply for a school place in accordance with the deadlines that apply for their child's chronological age.

If you are applying for your child to have an accelerated entry to school, i.e. to start earlier than other children in their chronological age group, you must initially apply for a school place at the same time that other families are applying for that cohort.

You should provide with your application the reasons why your child should be educated out of year group and any evidence to support your case. Evidence could include: information about your child's personal, social, emotional development and academic development; If relevant, medical history and views of a medical professional; whether your child has previously been educated out of year group and whether your child was born prematurely.

The admission authority, will consider each case on its merits taking into account your child's best interests and either agree or refuse the request on that basis. Where the council is the admission authority, the views of the headteacher of each preferred school will be sought before a decision is taken. Late requests will be considered up until 22 January if there is good reason why the request could not be made by the closing date for applications. Requests made after this date will not be considered. Parents will be made aware of the outcome of the request for admission out of year group before national offer day and reasons for the decision will be shared with you.

What do I do with my completed application (Year 7)?

Apply online or return the application form to your child's current school by midnight on 31 October 2020.

If your child is not currently attending a Brighton & Hove school, but you live within the city, please use the online facility which can be found on the council's website at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Alternatively please return your form to the school admissions team by the same deadline (see page 3 for the address).



If you live within the area of another Local Authority, but wish to apply for a Brighton & Hove school, please make sure that you obtain a copy of their preference form, complete it and return it to them at the address they give you by the same deadlines.

Alternatively you may apply online, but please make sure that you use the online facility provided by the local authority in whose area you live.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your preference form arrives on time. Please remember that proof of posting is not proof of delivery. In all cases, when you return the form to the school, please hand it to a member of staff. If you need a receipt, please ask for one at the time.

We strongly recommend that forms are completed online, returned to schools or delivered by hand to Hove Town Hall wherever possible.

What happens if my application is late?

If your online application or paper preference form is returned after the closing date without good reason, it will be considered after the on-time preferences have been dealt with, and places allocated to them.

This means there is a much greater chance that you will not get a place at your preferred school. It will also mean our response to you is delayed.

If you have a good reason for your application being late, e.g. you have just moved to Brighton & Hove, your application will be considered if it is received by 22 January 2021. You must supply independent supporting evidence of the reason why it is late (e.g. solicitor's letter confirming exchange of contracts). This evidence must also be received by 22 January 2021.

If we agree that your application is late with good reason, it will be treated as if it were submitted on time. If we do not agree, it will be treated as a late application. If we receive no independent supporting evidence with the form we will assume that you do not have a good reason and your application will be treated as a late application.

If you are moving within Brighton & Hove you must still make your application by the deadline and then provide your revised application and proof of your new address by 22 January 2021.

Not knowing about the closing date, forgetting to hand the form in or leaving it in the wrong place are not good reasons for an application being late. Even if your child has a sibling at the school you need to complete an application in the usual way.

Please note that other admission authorities may not treat these forms as on time. Please check with the school or council in question.

Applications submitted after the closing date listing revised preferences will only be considered from July 2021 onwards **unless** there has been a house move into a different catchment area. This is to make sure that parents and carers who do this do not gain an unfair advantage over others by having the opportunity to list more than three preferences.

Late applications received for oversubscribed schools* will be added to the reallocation pool* for that school as soon as possible after the initial school allocations have been made. In the meantime children will be allocated to schools where places are available.

Late applications and reallocation pool places will start to be processed from April onwards.

Please note: the school admissions team cannot accept responsibility for delays resulting from late applications, or late receipt of related papers. If forms are returned by post to schools or the admissions team and received after the closing date they will be regarded as late applications. We strongly recommend that if returning a preference form you deliver it to a school as recommended above. Online applications will be treated as late if submitted after the closing date (31 October 2020).



Special educational needs or disability (SEND)

A child or young person has SEND if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them.

In most cases support for special educational needs can be met in mainstream schools. Brighton & Hove City Council are committed to this approach wherever it is practical. Many children have difficulties at some stage in their school career, and often the problem is temporary and can be dealt with by the school.

You can access information about support for children with a special educational need or disability on Brighton and Hove's SEND Local Offer which you can access at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/local-offer

If you think your child may have special educational needs, please speak with your child's current school and the schools you are considering. If you need to contact someone in the Local Authority about special educational needs, please get in touch with the council's special educational needs team on SEN.Team@brighton-hove.gov.uk or 01273 293552.

3 How your application is processed

All preferences are treated equally regardless of whether you have listed them first, second or third.

Places are allocated according to the admission criteria (either in section 4 or 5). On-time applications are processed first. Late applications will be dealt with after on-time preferences have been processed.

If we can offer you a place at more than one of your preferred schools, we will offer a place at the one which features highest in your list of preferences.

If we receive more than one application for the same child before the closing date, we will use the one which was submitted most recently. If they appear to have been submitted by different people we will check which one is correct before deciding which one to use.

Priority for on time applications will cease after the initial allocation of school places has been made, and late applications for schools which are full will be added to the reallocation pools.

If you are unhappy with your allocated school or with the preferences you listed on your original application, you do have the option to submit a revised application listing different preferences. However, new applications will only be considered from July 2021 onwards unless there has been a house move into a different catchment area. This is to ensure that parents who change their minds are not given an unfair advantage by being allowed to list more than three preferences.

Please note: where a church voluntary aided school, free school or academy is listed as a preference, it will be considered by the governors who will apply that school's admission priorities.

School Admissions computer allocation process:

People have rights about automated decision making under the new EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The use of a random allocation tie break and computer allocation could be considered to be an example of automated decision making as school allocation decisions are made using a computer algorithm.

Below is an explanation about how this process works:

Applications are submitted online or paper forms are received and imported into the admissions computer system. While being imported the computer identifies whether the pupil's address falls within catchment area for any of the three preference schools. Admission officers then manually assess the applications and set the correct admission priority for each pupil based upon the council's admission arrangements (section 4).

For schools that have their own admission arrangements (section 5), it is the school governors who list the pupils according to that schools admission arrangements and this is replicated on the council's admissions computer system.

Where the random allocation tie break is used, every preference for a school is assigned a unique random number by the computer between +/- 10 billion.

Admission priorities and catchment areas

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The computer lists all of the pupils for each school in admission priority order and within each priority it uses the random number (smallest to largest) to order the list of pupils.

1. The allocation algorithm works down every school list simultaneously, offering places until the admission number for each school is met or there are no more un-allocated preferences.
2. The computer then finds every pupil with more than one school offer and withdraws the offer for the lower ranked preference.
3. Processes 1 and 2 are repeated until every pupil who could be offered a school of preference has only one school place allocated.

The final part of the automated allocation process involves pupils who couldn't be offered any of their school preferences. For these pupils, the computer calculates the distance from each address to all of the schools that still have available space. The computer then allocates the nearest pupils to each of these schools until all pupils have been given a school place.

Following this automated process; admission officers perform a number of checks on a random sample of pupils to ensure that school places have been allocated correctly.

Admission priorities for community schools

Please read the following information carefully.

It will help you to decide whether your child has a good chance of being offered a place at your preferred school.

Please be aware that we cannot guarantee your child a place at one of your preferred schools or at a catchment area school within the catchment area where you live.

Where there are more applications received for a community school, BACA or PACA than there are places available we will use the following five admission priorities to decide who will be given a place.

Children with education, health and care plans (EHCPs) will be entitled to a place at the school named in the EHCP. If the child for whom you are responsible has an EHCP, please ensure that you indicate on your application that this is the case.

Please note: we do not take into account your child's current school place, your childminding arrangements or workplace address. All allocations are based on the following five priorities listed:

1. Children in the care of a local authority (looked after children) and previously looked after children

This priority applies to Children in the care of a local authority (looked after children), and children who were looked after in England or elsewhere but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order).

You will need to supply proof of your child's status. This could be a copy of the original adoption certificate or order. A letter from the local authority, agency or department that last looked after the child confirming the he or she was looked after immediately prior to that order being made. If you are not sure what to provide, please contact the school admissions team at schooladmissions@brighton-hove.gov.uk

2. Compelling medical or other exceptional reasons to attend the school

This priority applies to pupils with a specific need that can only be met by one school rather than any other. If there are medical reasons or other diagnosed conditions that make it essential for your child to attend a particular school, you must provide supporting information from a doctor or other professional together with any other supporting information when you make your application. This must make a compelling case as to why your child's needs can only be met at the preferred school, as a medical condition or diagnosis in itself will not automatically result in priority being given. If you want a place at a specific school for other exceptional reasons, you must provide independent evidence from a professional who is supporting your family. This should also demonstrate that it is essential for your child to attend the preferred school and no other.

For this reason, allocations against this priority are rare. It is not essential for the supporting information to name the school in question, but the evidence should explain exactly what your child's needs are and what specialist support and/or facilities your child requires. Advice may be sought from the community consultant paediatrician or other relevant professionals where necessary to determine whether or not the evidence you have provided is sufficiently compelling to qualify under this category.

The supporting evidence you provide needs to set out the particular reasons why the school in question is the most suitable, and the difficulties that would be caused if your child had to attend another school. It is not essential for the professionals supporting your family to have in depth knowledge of your preferred school but the evidence should explain exactly what your child needs and what specialist support and/or facilities your child requires.

It is vital that you supply any supporting evidence for compelling medical or other exceptional reasons for admission by the closing date. It is up to you to provide this evidence.

The school admissions team will not seek information about your child or telephone people on your behalf. The decision will be based solely on the information you send in. Online applicants can upload supporting documents through the online admissions system. Alternatively send supporting documents by post to the team or provide scanned copies to schooladmissions@brighton-hove.gov.uk with a covering email giving your child's full name and date of birth.

If we do not receive this information by the closing date, we will not be able to consider your child under this priority, unless it relates to a change of circumstances (such as a new diagnosis) which has occurred since the closing date.

If the evidence you supply is not considered compelling enough to be included in this priority, your application will be considered under priority 3, 4 or 5 as appropriate.

All correspondence will be treated as private and confidential.

Please note: none of the maintained schools* in Brighton & Hove select children on ability. A child's aptitude or ability in a particular subject will not be considered as an exceptional reason for admission.



3. Sibling link*

This will apply where a sibling living in the same household will be attending the school when your child is due to start, **providing your home is in the catchment area for the school in question.**

A sibling link* is only taken into account if children live at the same main address and the sibling has already been allocated a place at the school. Twins or multiple births do not qualify for the sibling link unless one child has already been offered a place.

Where a sibling attends a nursery class or a sixth form on the same school site, it will not be counted as a link for admissions purposes.

You may be asked to supply proof that your child has a sibling at the same address who attends the school.

Please note: The sibling link does not apply for children who do not live in the catchment area. If this applies to your child, they will be placed in priority 5.

4. Catchment area

This will apply if your child's home address is within the catchment area for the school in question. Details of catchment areas can be found on the centre page. You will only be regarded as living in a catchment area if your main residence is in the area. Ownership of a property in the catchment area is not sufficient. In order to qualify under this priority, the address at which your child is normally resident must be within the catchment area.

Details of catchment area postcodes can be found on the map on the centre pages. If you are in any doubt as to the catchment area in which you live or whether your child qualifies for the sibling link, please email schooladmissions@brighton-hove.gov.uk

5. Other children

If none of the above priorities applies to your child, they will be placed in this category.

Tie-break

If a school is oversubscribed with children in any of the above priorities, the council will use an electronic random allocation system to decide which of the children within that priority should be offered the available places.

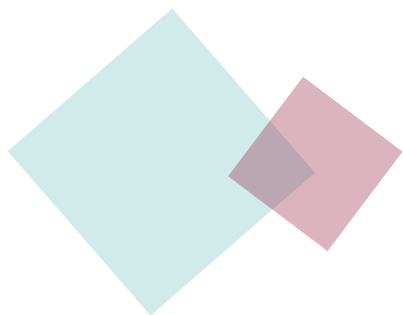
Remember...

These admission priorities do not apply to Cardinal Newman Catholic School or King's School, which have their own admission priorities. These are listed in section 5. Neither do they apply to schools in other local authority areas.

The national School Admissions Code requires the council to use an 'equal preference' system which means that all the preferences for each school are considered at the same time. However, you do need to list your preferred schools in order of preference as we will only offer you a place at one school. If we are able to offer you a place at more than one school, we will allocate the one that is highest on your list of preferences.

Checks are made on information provided by parents / carers.* If a parent / carer is found to have supplied false or misleading information to gain a place at a particular school, the council reserves the right to withdraw the place, even if the child has started at the school. An example of false information would be the use of an address that is not the child's normal residence.

Please note it is an offence to give false information to obtain a place at a school. The council will investigate allegations about false information, and will consider further action in any such case.



Catchment area postcodes

Below is a list of the postcodes which fall within each catchment area

Catchment areas are listed from west to east across the city. If you are in any doubt as to the catchment area in which you live, please contact the school admissions team on schooladmissions@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Portslade Aldridge Community Academy

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| BN41 2 | BN41 1WY |
| BN41 1D | BN41 1X |
| BN41 1FX | BN41 1Y |
| BN41 1GR, S, T & U | BN41 1A |
| BN41 1LD, E, F, G & H | BN41 1E |
| BN41 1N | BN41 1H |
| BN41 1PS | BN41 1OH |
| BN41 1RX | BN41 1PB |
| BN41 1S | Part of BN41 1PH |
| BN41 1T | BN41 1UY |
| BN41 1UA, B, Q | BN41 1WA, B, E & R |

Blatchington Mill School / Hove Park School

- BN3
BN1 2
BN1 3*

***Except BN1 3TG (Westcombe)**
BN1 3TL (Prestonville Road north of the railway line - Nos 1-28)
BN1 3TS (York Villas)
BN1 3TT (York Grove)
BN1 3TU (New England Road)
BN1 3TF/3TX (Belmont)
BN1 3TH (Russell Crescent)
BN1 3UG (Prestonville Court)
These are in the DS/Varndean Catchment area

Key

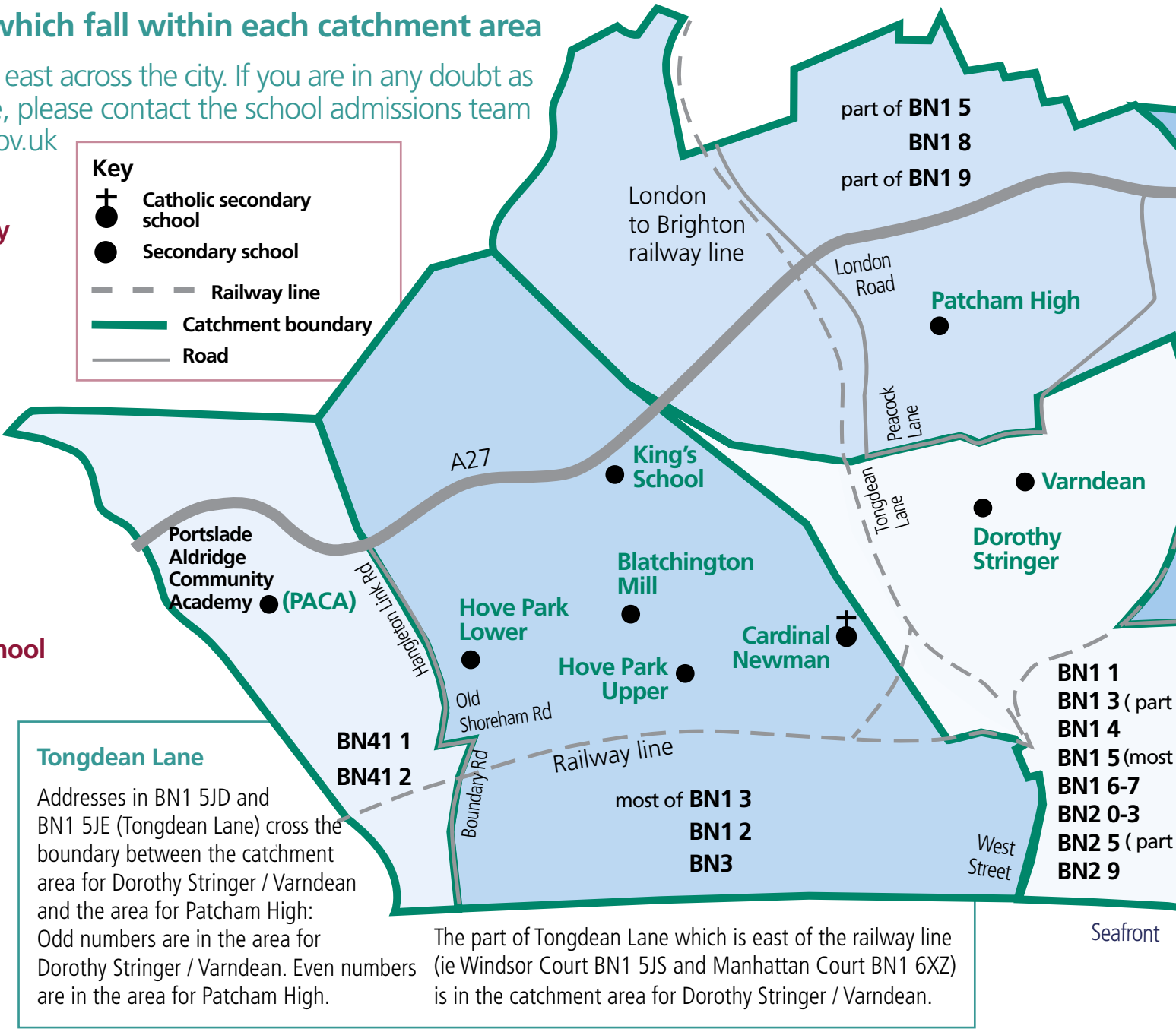
Catholic secondary school

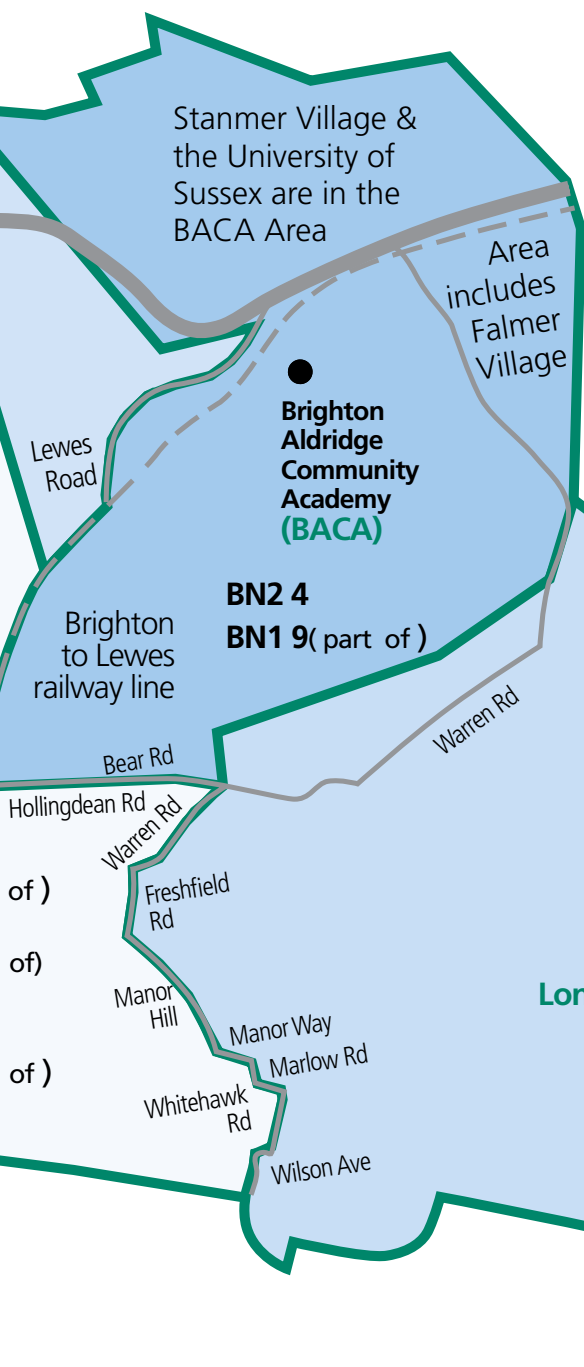
Secondary school

Railway line

Catchment boundary

Road





Patcham High School

BN1 5AZ
 BN1 5BQ
 BN1 5E,F,G,H
 BN1 5JD (even numbers only)
 5JE (even numbers only),
 JH, JJ, JP, JX
 BN1 5L except A, B, D, E,
 R, S, W
 BN1 8 BN1 9HT
 BN1 9A BN1 9HU
 BN1 9BA BN1 9JS
 BN1 9E BN1 9QB
 BN1 9G BN1 9TN

Dorothy Stringer School / Varndean School

BN1 1
 BN1 3TG (Westcombe)
 BN1 3TL (Prestonville Road north
 of the railway line - Nos 1-28)
 BN1 3TS (York Villas)
 BN1 3TT (York Grove)
 BN1 3TU (New England Rd)
 BN1 3TF / X (Belmont)
 BN1 3TH (Russell Crescent)
 BN1 3UG (Prestonville Court)
 BN1 4
 BN1 5JS
 BN1 5A except Z
 BN1 5B, D, N, P, R, S, T
 BN1 5JB, JD (odd nos only),
 JE (odd nos only), JF, JG, JL, JN
 BN1 5LA, B, D, E, R, S, W
 BN1 6
 BN1 7
 BN2 0
 BN2 1
 BN2 3

BN2 5A
 BN2 5B
 BN2 5D except T & some of Z
 BN2 5E except T & some of
 F, H & L
 BN2 5FA
 BN2 5FB
 BN2 5FG
 BN2 5GG, H & J
 BN2 5J
 BN2 5LJ
 BN2 5NA, B & S
 BN2 5RT, Y & Z
 BN2 5TA, B, D, E, F, G, H,
 J, W & X
 BN2 5UB
 BN2 5YS, U & W
 BN2 5ZH, L
 Some of BN2 5PA
 BN2 9

Brighton Aldridge Community Academy (BACA)

BN2 4
 BN1 9HW
 BN1 9HX
 BN1 9HY
 BN1 9J except S
 BN1 9P
 BN1 9Q except B
 BN1 9R
 BN1 9S
 BN1 9B except A

Longhill High School

BN2 6
 BN2 7
 BN2 8
 BN2 5DT & some of Z
 BN2 5ET & some of F, H & L
 BN2 5F except A, B & G
 BN2 5G except G, H & J
 BN2 5H
 BN2 5L except J
 BN2 5N except A, B & S
 BN2 5P except some of A
 BN2 5Q
 BN2 5R except T, Y & Z
 BN2 5S
 BN2 5TN, P, Q, R & S
 BN2 5U except B
 BN2 5W
 BN2 5X
 BN2 5ZB, D, E, F, G, J

Addresses in BN2 5DZ, BN2 5EF, BN2 5EH, BN2 5EL and BN2 5PA cross the boundary between the catchment area for Longhill and the area for Varndean/Dorothy Stringer: BN2 5DZ / BN2 5EF (Manor Way) - even numbers 2-34 are in the Longhill area. All odd numbers and evens from 36 onwards are in the Dorothy Stringer / Varndean area. BN2 5EH / BN2 5EL (Manor Hill) - odd numbers are in the Dorothy Stringer / Varndean area. Even numbers are in the Longhill area. BN2 5PA (odd numbers in Wilson Avenue) - 1, 3, 5, 7 & 11 are in the Dorothy Stringer / Varndean area. 13 upwards are in the Longhill area.

NB: addresses on the eastern side of Wilson Ave (BN2 5PB) are all in the Longhill area.

Catchment areas

Details of catchment area postcodes can be found on the map on pages 20-21.

The council cannot guarantee that you will be offered a place at your catchment area school, even if you express a preference for the school or schools.

Living in a catchment area gives applicants a higher priority for admission to a school over applicants who live outside a catchment area. However, there is no guarantee of a place for applicants living within a catchment area or for applicants who subsequently move in at a later date.

If you live in a catchment area for two schools and you only list one of your catchment area schools on your application, you will only be entered into the random allocation process for that school. However, if you cannot be offered a place there, or at one of your other preferences, you will not be entered into the random allocation process for the other school in your catchment area. This means that you may be offered a school you are less happy with, which is further from your home.

Parents and carers can apply for any of the schools in Brighton & Hove, regardless of whether they live in the catchment area. However, please bear in mind that children who live within the catchment area will have priority over children who live outside it.



Catchment areas are also used to decide priority in the reallocation pool (which is how we allocate places which become vacant later in the process). Children are prioritised in the reallocation pool based on the council's admission priorities.

Twins / multiple births (or siblings* within the same year group applying for the same school)

No special priority is given for the admission of these children.

Please indicate clearly on each child's application if they have a twin or other same year sibling also applying if you would like them to be allocated places at the same school. In order to ensure both (or all) children are given the same school using random allocation, each child is considered separately in the random allocation tie break but with the same random number assigned to both (or all) children.

If it is possible to offer the last place at the preferred school to one child, then both (or all) children will be allocated a place.

Children who live on boats / traveller children

If you and your child live on a boat or a traveller site you will be treated as a resident of the catchment area within which the marina or site is situated.

Brighton Marina falls within the catchment area for Longhill. If you are unsure which catchment area applies to your site, please email schooladmissions@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Home addresses

- The school admissions team will allocate school places using the address at which a child lives on the closing date for applications (31 October 2020) although late changes of address will be considered if we receive proof of address by 22 January 2021.
- The admissions team can only use one address for admission purposes. If your child regularly stays with another parent or relative and therefore has more than one address, the school place will be allocated based on the address at which your child is registered with a doctor – so this is the address that you should use on your application.

We may ask for evidence to confirm the address given.

Please note: It is an offence to give a false address. If we offer your child a school place based on information which then turns out to be false or misleading, we reserve the right to withdraw the offer and your application will then be reconsidered based on the correct facts. This may apply even if your child has started at the school offered.

Proof of address

To ensure that offers of school places are made fairly, the council is committed to following strict address verification procedures.

The address given on your application will be checked against council tax records.

After the closing date, if the school that you have applied for is oversubscribed*, and you have given a home address in the catchment area, you may be asked for further proof of address.

If you have **recently moved into Brighton & Hove** from overseas or another part of the UK and have not yet registered for council tax in Brighton & Hove, you will need to supply one of the following:

1. A copy of a current tenancy agreement signed by all parties and arranged through a letting / estate agency or solicitor's letter showing exchange of contracts, if you have just moved house.

2. A copy of a recent utility bill for your home address, showing usage – gas, electricity, water, telephone (not mobile phones)
3. A copy of your driving licence
4. A copy of your house insurance policy
5. HMRC tax notification documentation
6. TV licence (valid for the current year) with your name and address

We will also require proof that the child you are applying for lives with you. Therefore, please provide a **letter from your child's GP, dentist, hospital, optician; NHS medical card; child trust fund document or family tax credit letter** which clearly states your child's name and address.

If you do not provide the above proofs by the date asked, we will assume your child does not live in the catchment area. Even if you prove that you live at the address yourself, we still need proof that your child lives there as well.

Please note: providing proof of address does not guarantee your child a place at your preferred school.



Miss School Miss Out

If you're not going to school you will miss out on...

- Learning new skills
- Good exam results
- Support and help
- Time with friends
- Best chance to succeed
- School activities

Being in school and on time is good for you.

90% attendance may look impressive but it means missing 19 days of education in a year.

Don't be one of the few to miss school and miss out!

Brighton & Hove City Council

List of secondary schools in Brighton & Hove

This is a list of all Brighton & Hove secondary schools (excluding private schools), please visit the schools website for information about open days and making visits

School	Headteacher	Maximum number on roll	Preferences 2020-21	How many places offered in each priority 2020-21	Published admission number
Blatchington Mill School Nevill Avenue, Hove, BN3 7NB www.blatchingtonmill.org.uk 01273 736244	Mr A Harrold	1,590	1) 350 2) 281 3) 237	SEN 4, 1)2 2)0 3)88 4)236 5)0	330
Brighton Aldridge Community Academy Lewes Road, Brighton, BN1 9PW www.baca-uk.org.uk 01273 691191 This academy has a sixth form. For details of how to apply see www.baca-uk.org.uk/BACA-6th-form	Mr R Speight	930	1) 89 2) 50 3) 62	All preferences allocated unless offered a higher preference	180
Cardinal Newman Catholic School The Upper Drive, Hove, BN3 6ND www.cncs.co.uk 01273 558551 This school has a sixth form. For details of how to apply see www.cncs.co.uk/sixth-form	Dr J Kilmartin	1,815 (+ 6th form)	1) 349 2) 221 3) 326	Information available from the school governors	360
Dorothy Stringer School Loder Road, Brighton, BN1 6PZ www.dorothy-stringer.co.uk 01273 852222	Mr Hillier	1,710	1) 438 2) 489 3) 203	SEN 6 1)9 2)1 3)95 4) 253 5)0	330

SEN: Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) naming the school

School	Headteacher	Maximum number on roll	Preferences 2020-21	How many places offered in each priority 2020-21	Published admission number
Hove Park School Valley Campus: Yrs 7-8 & 12-13, 01273 295003 Hangleton Way, Hove, BN3 8AA Nevill Campus: Yrs 9-11, 01273 295000 Nevill Road, Hove, BN3 7BN www.hovepark.brighton-hove.sch.uk This school has a sixth form. For details of how to apply see www.hovepark.brighton-hove.sch.uk/sixth-form	Mr J Roberts	1,600 (Including 6th Form)	1) 80 2) 227 3) 281	All preferences allocated unless offered a higher preference	300
King's School moved to West Blatchington from September 2020 Hangleton Way, Hove, BN3 8BN www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk 01273 840004	Ms S Price	650	1) 253 2) 282 3) 257	Information available from the school governors	165
Longhill High School Falmer Road, Rottingdean, Brighton, BN2 7FR www.longhill.org.uk 01273 304086	Miss K E Williams	887	1) 159 2) 38 3) 38	All preferences allocated unless offered a higher preference	270
Patcham High School Ladies Mile Road, Brighton, BN1 8PB www.patchamhigh.brighton-hove.sch.uk 01273 503908	Mr J Mckee	1,105	1) 219 2) 65 3) 304	SEN 7 1)3 2)2 3)64 4)124 5)25	225
Portslade Aldridge Community Academy Chalky Rd, Portslade, BN41 2WS www.paca.uk.com 01273 416300	Ms K Scott	900 (+ 6th form)	1) 174 2) 95 3) 77	All preferences allocated unless offered a higher preference	240
Varndean School Balfour Road, Brighton, BN1 6NP www.varndean.co.uk 01273 561281	Mr W Deighan	1,440	1) 307 2) 530 3) 231	SEN 4 1)12 2)5 3)77 4)206 5)0	300

Brighton Aldridge Community Academy (BACA) and Portslade Aldridge Community Academy (PACA)

BACA and PACA will be using the Brighton & Hove City Council admission priorities to be found in Section 4 for 2021-22 admissions.

The following admission arrangements have been edited in some cases for reasons of space. All essential information regarding admission priorities has been retained. Full versions are available from each school or at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Cardinal Newman Catholic School

Cardinal Newman Catholic School was founded by the Catholic Church to provide education for children of Catholic families. The school is conducted by its governing body as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with the trust deed of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton, its instrument of government, and seeks at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ.

As a Catholic school, the governors aim to provide a Catholic education for all pupils. At a Catholic school, Catholic doctrine and practice permeate every aspect of the school's activity. The governors ask all parents applying for a place to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community.

Although Catholic children have priority of admission, this does not affect the right of an applicant who is not Catholic to apply for a place for their child at the school. The school welcomes applications from those of other denominations and faiths, or of none.

The primary schools that are named feeder schools for Cardinal Newman are:

Cottesmore St Mary's Catholic Primary School
The Upper Drive, Hove

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School
High Street, Rottingdean, Brighton

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School
Preston Road, Brighton

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School
Whitehawk Hill Road, Brighton

St Joseph's Catholic Primary
Davey Drive, Hollingdean, Brighton

St Mary's Catholic Primary School
Church Road, Portslade

St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School
Spring Street, Brighton

St Peter's Catholic Primary School
Sullington Way, Shoreham-by-Sea

Annecy Catholic Primary School
Sutton Avenue, Seaford

St Pancras Catholic Primary School
De Montfort Road, Lewes

The governing body is the admissions authority and has responsibility for admissions to this school, including setting the priority of admissions when the school is oversubscribed. The Local Authority undertakes the co-ordination of admission arrangements during the normal admission round.

The governing body has set its admission number at 360 pupils to be admitted to Year 7 in the school year which begins in September 2021.

Visiting the school

Parents/carers are encouraged to visit our school in order to find out more about how we work and the education we offer. Parents/carers are welcome to arrange a visit by contacting the school admissions officer on 01273 558551 ext. 238. However, such visits do not form part of the process of deciding which children are to be offered a place at the school.

An open evening is held in October of each year, at which interested families may look round the school and meet the Headteacher and staff. The School Prospectus and Supplementary Information Form for admission are available at the Open Evening or at any time from the school website www.cnscs.co.uk

A New Parents' evening is held in July of each year for all new students and their parents / carers.

Pupils with an education health and care plan (EHCP) *(see note a)*

The admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan is dealt with by a completely separate procedure. Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements, this will reduce the number of places available to other children.

Oversubscription criteria:

At any time where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

1. Catholic looked after children or previously looked after children *(see note b and c)*
2. Catholic children with a brother or sister at Cardinal Newman at the time of admission *(see note f)*
3. Catholic children currently attending one of the named feeder schools *(see note h.) The application must be supported with a certificate of Catholic baptism or reception into the Catholic Church (see note c)*
4. Catholic children who are not currently attending one of the named feeder schools *(see note h) The application must be supported with a certificate of Catholic baptism or reception into the Catholic Church (see note c)*
5. Other looked after children or previously looked after children *(see note b)*
6. Catechumens, candidates for reception into the Church and children who are members of an Orthodox Church *(see note d & e) If application is being made for a place at the school where the parent/carer is a catechumen or candidate for reception into the Church, evidence of their being a member of the catechumenate of a Catholic Church or a candidate for reception will be required. Proof of acceptance into the catechumenate, and evidence for a candidate, should be by letter from the appropriate priest. Applications for children from an Orthodox Church must be supported with a certificate of baptism and a letter confirming membership of the applicable Orthodox Church, signed by the appropriate priest*
7. Other children with a brother or sister at Cardinal Newman at the time of admission *(see note f)*
8. Other children currently attending one of the named feeder schools *(see note h)*
9. Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion *(see note k) The application must be supported by a letter confirming membership of the Christian denomination, signed by the minister of religion*

10. Children of other faiths (*see note l*) whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader. The application must be supported by a letter confirming membership of that faith, signed by the faith leader

11. Any other children

Final tie-breaker

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance (*see note j*)

Application procedure

To apply for a place at this school in the normal admissions round, you should complete and return the following two forms:

1. The common application form (CAF)

All applications for places must be made on the CAF, which is available either from the local authority where the parent lives, or through that local authority's website. For a valid application, the completed CAF must be returned either online or in the paper form by 31 October 2020.

2. The school's supplementary information form (SIF)

This is available from the school and the school website and allows the governors to put all applicants in order of priority for admission in line with the published admission policy.

If you are expressing a preference for a place for your child at this school and wish to apply in connection with one of the faith criteria, you need to complete the SIF.

If you do not complete the SIF and return it to the school with all supporting documents by the closing date, your child may not be placed in the appropriate faith criterion. This is likely to affect your child's chance of being offered a place.

For a Year 7 admission in the normal admissions round for the year 2021-22, the completed SIF, together with all supporting documents, should be returned to the school by 31 October 2020.

Please note: If the school receives an incomplete SIF, this might affect your child's chance of being offered a place.

You are advised to keep copies of the forms for your records (whether completed online or on paper).

Late applications

All pieces of paperwork are required on or before the published closing dates referenced above.

You are encouraged to ensure that your application is received on time. Any late applications will be dealt with in accordance with the Local Authority's Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme.

Admission of Children Outside their Normal Age Group

Please note that it is the view of the Government, the Diocese, the LA and the Governing Body of this school that a child is educated alongside his/her age equivalent peers, in almost all cases.

Should a parent/carer request to have a decelerated entry to school, that is to start later than other children in their chronological age group, they should initially apply for a school place in accordance with the deadlines that apply for their child's chronological age.

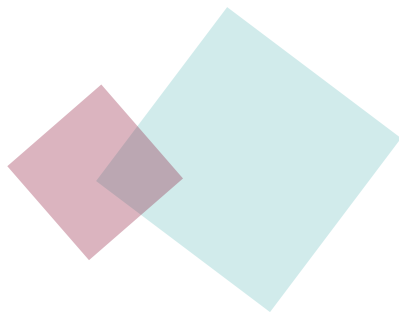
If the request is accepted, the application for the normal year group may be withdrawn before a place is offered. The parent/carer will be required to apply in the usual way the following year, along with the cohort of applicants for that year group. It should be noted that the application will not receive priority over or above any other applicant for this year group and the application will be considered alongside all other applicants to the school.

If a parent/carer requests to have an accelerated entry to school ie to start earlier than other children in the chronological age group, they should initially apply for a school place at the same time that other families are applying for that cohort. If the governing body agrees for the child to have an accelerated entry, the application will be processed. If it is not agreed for the child to have an accelerated entry they will be invited to apply again in the following year for the correct cohort.

In relation to the request, decisions are made on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child. The governing body will expect the parent/carer to supply them with appropriate information and evidence. What the governing body will take into account will include:

- Views of parent/carer
- Information relating to the child's academic, social and emotional development, where relevant
- Medical history and the views of a medical professional
- Any previous history of being educated outside of their normal age group
- If the child may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely
- View of the headteacher of the school.

Please note that parents/carers do not have the right to insist that their child is admitted to a particular age group. It is the governing body who, having considered the circumstances of each individual case, will make a decision. The governing body will set out clearly for the parents/carers concerned the reasons for their decision in each case.



If the parent/carer is unhappy with a decision about which year group their child will be admitted to, the following applies. Parents/carers who are refused a place at a school for which they have applied have the right of appeal to an independent admission appeal panel. However, there is not a right of appeal if the child has been offered a place and it is not in the year group the parent/carer would like. In such cases, the parent/carer could make a complaint through the school's complaint procedure.

Waiting lists

In addition to their right of appeal, if a place is not offered to a Year 7 child, because of oversubscription, the child's name will be placed on a waiting list. For the application to go on the Waiting List, parents/carers should put their request in writing to the Admissions Secretary, Cardinal Newman Catholic School. The list will be in the descending hierarchical order of the categories in the admissions criteria. The list will continue for the year group until the end of the academic year. If a place is offered and declined the child's name will be removed from the waiting list.

The names of the children in the other year groups (8-11) who have not been offered a place due to oversubscription will be put on a waiting list. The list will be in the descending hierarchical order of the categories in the admissions criteria. The list will continue for the year group until the end of the academic year.

Parents/carers who wish their child's name to remain on a waiting list beyond this time are requested to contact the school in writing **by the end of July 2022**. If a place is offered and declined the child's name will be removed from the waiting list.

It should be noted that no matter how long a child's name has been on the waiting list, his or her position on the list may change if the school adds a child's name to the list, which has a higher priority according to the oversubscription criteria. The school is also under a duty to admit children who are presented for admission under the Local Authority's 'Fair Access Protocol'. These children must take precedence over any children already on the waiting list.

Giving the school false information

If a parent / carer is found to have supplied false or incorrect information to gain a place at this school, the governing body reserves the right to withdraw any offer of a place even if the child has already started school.

An example of false or incorrect information would be the use of an address that is not the child's normal residence.

Please read the full notes and definitions in the full policy available from the school or at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions. The school's supplementary information form is also available here.

King's School

This admissions policy reinforces the educational vision upon which King's School has been established. The school will be inclusive, will meet the individual needs of all learners and will be based on the tenets and beliefs of the Church of England. It will, through its admissions, promote understanding among students of all mainstream Christian churches.

All references to 'the school' and 'the main entrance to the school' refer to the West Blatchington permanent site for the school.

Published Admission Number (PAN)

The agreed admissions number for Year 7 of the school will be 165 for 2021. That number of places will be offered in Year 7 annually.

Special Educational Needs

The admission and review of students with an EHCP or a statement of special educational needs is dealt with by a completely separate procedure involving parents, schools, the LA and a range of professionals. This procedure is integral to the making and maintaining of a compliant EHCP (or statement) by the student's home Local Authority. Details of this separate procedure are set out in the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice.

Oversubscription criteria

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the number of places available for any given intake, and after the agreed admission of any children with an Education, Health and Care Plan, the following over-subscription criteria will be applied in the priority order set out below:

1. Looked-after children or children who were previously looked-after, including those that have been adopted or been subject to a residence or guardianship order.
2. Children for whom it is essential to be admitted to this school because of special circumstances to do with significant medical or social needs evidenced by written professional advice from a doctor, social worker or other health professional, explaining why these needs can realistically only be met by King's.
3. Children who, on the date of admission, will have a sibling on the roll of the school. Sibling means a full, step, half, adopted or fostered brother or sister, but not cousin, who will be living permanently with them at the same address at the date of their entry to the school; the school may require proof of relationship. The exception to this is the siblings from the school's Founding Year: siblings of the founding Year 7 will be given sibling priority regardless of where they live.
4. Children (by which is meant full, step, half, adopted, or fostered children who will be

living permanently at the same address of the member of staff at the date of their entry to the school) of staff directly employed by King's School for two years or more before the admission application and still employed, without having given notice or been given notice that the employment will end, at the time the offer is made.

5. This is an Ecumenical Christian School and if oversubscribed, up to 50% of the places available after the application of 1, 2, 3 and 4 above, will be based on a 'faith' criterion; this criterion is detailed in the notes at the end of this policy.

If more applications meeting the faith criterion are received than there are places available, then:-

- i. 30% of places will be offered in order of distance from the home address of the applicant to the school, distance being measured in a straight line from the middle of the front door of the student's accommodation to the centre of the main entrance of the school; priority being given to those who live closest to the school.
- ii. 70% of places will be offered in order of distance from the home address of the applicant to the mid-point of the junction between New Church Road and Richardson Road; (the grid reference of this point being 527665:104983), distance being measured in a straight line from the middle of the front door of the student's accommodation to the point detailed. Priority will be given to those who live closest to the node.

iii. For applicants from the same block of flats, or who live the same distance from the school, random selection by the drawing of lots will be used as a final tie-breaker.

6. Other or non-faith places (referred to as 'open' places)

If fewer than the designated number places are taken up by those satisfying the faith criterion, then these remaining places will be added to those offered to 'non-faith' applicants.

The places remaining after the 'faith' places have been allocated will be offered to any other applicants. If there are more applicants than there are places available in this category then:-

i. 30% of places will be offered in order of distance from the home address of the applicant to the school, distance being measured in a straight line from the middle of the front door of the student's accommodation to the centre of the main entrance of the school; priority being given to those who live closest to the school.

ii. 70% of places will be offered in order of distance from the home address of the applicant to the mid-point of the junction between Richardson Road and New Church Road; (the grid reference of this point being 527665:104983) distance being measured in a straight line from the middle of the front door of the student's accommodation to the point detailed. Priority will be given to those who live closest to the node.

iii. For applicants from the same block of flats, or who live the same distance from the school, random selection by the drawing of lots will be used as a final tie-breaker.

'Tied' applications

If two or more applications cannot be separated by the criteria set out above then the place or places will be decided by the drawing of lots carried out by someone independent of the school.

Operation of waiting lists

Where in any year, the school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate for at least the first year. This will be maintained by the school and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list following an unsuccessful application. A child's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set (as applicable). Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

The parents of students on the waiting list will be contacted twice a year to ensure that they wish to remain on the waiting list.

Home Address

The home address is where the child spends the majority of time and is living with the person who has parental responsibility and is the parent as defined in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 (we may require documentary evidence). If a child regularly lives at more than one address, the Governing Body will have to reach a conclusion about which should be counted as the main

address when allocating places. This will normally be the address where the child is registered with a doctor.

Faith Criterion

Regular attendance is defined as fortnightly attendance at a Church, which is a member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland or a member of the Evangelical Alliance, for at least two years at the closing date for submission of a supplementary application form, which is midday on 30 November 2020. A Minister, Priest or Church Leader will need to sign the supplementary information form, confirming the attendance and the form must be submitted to the school before this date. A supplementary information form is available for applications under this criterion.

Appeals

Parents who fail to gain a place at King's School for their child can appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel.

Please read the full notes and definitions in the full policy available from the school or at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions The school's supplementary information form is also available here.

6 What to do when you receive the decision

How do I accept my child's school place?

You will receive an email (or a letter) from the school admissions team informing you which school your child has been allocated (see page 7 for a timetable).

Please note that decisions will not be given over the telephone and there are no facilities to come and pick up a letter from Hove Town Hall.

If you want to accept the place you have been offered, you should complete and return the pupil registration form (a link is provided in the decision email) to the school at which your child has been offered a place.

The school will give you clear information about arrangements for starting school.

If your child does not take up his/her school place on the agreed day and you have not informed the school of any special reason for the delay, the school admissions team may give the place to another child.

What happens if I am not happy with the school my child has been offered?

You may ask the school admissions team about places at other schools. Please email schooladmissions@brighton-hove.gov.uk. Your child's name will automatically be entered in the reallocation pool for your first preference school if it was a community school, BACA or PACA. You may also appeal.



Reallocation pools

This is how the school admissions team allocates places that become available at oversubscribed schools. The team holds reallocation pools for community schools, BACA and PACA only. The governors of Cardinal Newman, King's and the admission authorities for schools in other areas may operate reallocation pools or waiting lists. You should contact the school or council concerned to find out about their procedures.

How do I get my child's name into a reallocation pool?

If you have applied for your child to start year 7, and you do not get your first preference school, your child's name will be entered in the reallocation pool for that school.

Your child's name will remain in the pool until the 31 December 2021 or until a place becomes available if this happens sooner. If you would like to be in the reallocation pool for any of your other preferences, please inform us in writing or by email.

How does the council manage reallocation pools?

Children will be entered in a reallocation pool for community schools,* BACA or PACA according to the admission priorities listed in section 4. Within each priority children will be ranked by computer in a random order.

Each time the council is able to offer a place, or places at a school with a reallocation pool, a randomised list will be created and the place allocated to the child at the top of the list. Late applicants will be added to the pool asap after they are received.

Late applications and reallocation pool offers will start to be made from April onwards. Where, after the closing date, parents / carers change preferences without changing address, new applications will be added to the reallocation pool from July 2021 onwards.

Parents notified that their child has been offered a place from a reallocation pool will have seven days to reply before the place is offered to another child.

How to appeal for a place at your preferred school

How can I appeal?

If you are unhappy with the school place your child has been offered, you can appeal to the independent appeal panel. You should act quickly to register an appeal, normally within 20 school days of receiving an email or letter informing you of the decision about your allocation.

If your appeal is unsuccessful the council will not normally consider a further appeal for the same school for entry in the same academic year.

You can only appeal for a place at a school for which you have expressed a preference.

If you wish to appeal, it is a good idea to accept the place at the school you have been offered, as this will have no effect on the outcome of your appeal, and will prevent you from missing out on a school altogether.

How does the appeal process work?

The appeal panel will consider your appeal. This is an independent body that is not bound by the council's admission priorities, or the published admission numbers. You have the right to appeal for any of your preferred schools but you may only appeal once for each school. The appeal panel's decision is binding on the council and on parents / carers.

You can appeal online at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk

If you need to find out more about appeal arrangements please contact:

The Clerk to the Appeal Panel
Democratic Services
Brighton & Hove City Council
Hove Town Hall
Norton Road, Hove, BN3 3BQ
01273 291228

schoolappeals@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Please note: the governors of Brighton Aldridge Community Academy (BACA), Portslade Aldridge Community Academy (PACA), Cardinal Newman Catholic School and King's School are responsible for organising their own appeals. However, this is done via the contact details above.

Can I appeal if my child has an EHCP?

If your child has an education, health and care plan and you want to appeal against the school named in the plan, or against the fact that no school has been named, an appeal should be made to the special educational needs tribunal, not an appeal panel (telephone 01273 293552 for further information).



What happens if I change address during the admissions process?

- If you change address during the admissions process, you will need to supply proof of your new address by 22 January 2021 if you wish us to base your school allocation on your new home address. Please see page 23 for what is acceptable as proof of address.
- **If you change address during the admissions process, before the closing date for applications, you must notify the school admissions team.** If you do not do this, and we offer your child a place at your preferred school based on an address where you no longer live, this place will be taken away again.
- **You should also notify the team of changes of address that happen after the closing date.** If you do not, you may not receive any information from your child's new school.
- **You must provide proof of all changes of address.** Until we see proof of a change of address we will allocate a school place based on your existing address.
- If your application is received after the closing date and we do not receive proof of a house move (or other independent supporting information explaining why the form is late), we will treat this application as late. It is up to you to provide us with reasons to accept it as late with good reason.
- If you are due to move house within Brighton & Hove you must still apply by the deadline and then provide your revised information and proof by 22 January 2021.

Please note: these arrangements refer to community schools. Academies, free schools and church voluntary aided* schools have their own admission arrangements that are controlled by the school governors and you should contact the relevant headteacher for further details.



What happens if I am temporarily absent from the city?

If a family has a residence in Brighton & Hove and temporarily lives elsewhere (for example, a temporary job out-of-area, or abroad), the school admissions team may seek evidence of residence at both addresses, and evidence that you will be returning to the area.

Please email the team on schooladmissions@brighton-hove.gov.uk if you need any advice about filling in your application in these circumstances.

What happens if I move to the area at a time when my child would not normally change school?

If you have moved house and it is no longer practical to make the journey to your child's current school, you will need to apply for a place at a different school. If you wish to apply for a school in Brighton & Hove, you will need to apply via the school admissions team, either online or using a school in-year application form.

We will be able to arrange immediate transfer to the school you prefer if there is a place available when we process your application.

You can apply for a school place in advance of your move if you wish, however you will not receive a decision more than half a term before your child is due to start at the new school.

- No school places are reserved for people who move into the area, but we will be pleased to advise you about which schools have places available at the time you require a school.
- If you have moved house or have been living at your current address for less than six months, or your child is currently at private school, **please provide proof of address with your application.**

- If we do not receive this with your application, we will write and ask you for it, but this may mean that you miss out on a place at your preferred school if other children with confirmed addresses have also applied for places there. See page 23 for what is acceptable as proof of address.
- **Transfers in years 10 and 11 are not usually recommended due to likely difficulties in GCSE curriculum matches and in the subject timetabling. If you are considering moving your child please discuss this with the current school and contact the school admissions team.**

In-year fair access protocol

As required by law, Brighton & Hove has a fair access protocol with schools. This ensures that vulnerable children who need a school place outside the main admission round are offered one as soon as possible. This can sometimes result in schools going above their published admission number for an established year group.

Moving school if you have not moved house

Sometimes a change of school is unavoidable, for example where a child has moved house or has had to leave private school due to a change of circumstances. However, we would like to take this opportunity to highlight to parents the issues associated with moving children to another school midway through their education.

It has been statistically demonstrated that children and young people do less well in examinations when they have moved schools outside of normal transition periods.

This is particularly the case for movement during Years 10 and 11. The disruption to education can be particularly detrimental for GCSE results, as all schools will tend to follow different combinations of syllabuses and offer different courses.

Should issues arise in your child's school, we would remind you that the recommended course of action is to resolve these with school staff.

If you are applying to transfer from one Brighton & Hove school to another, we would ask you to convene a meeting with a senior staff member at your current school to discuss the implications of this before going ahead.

How will my application for a transfer be dealt with?

- Available places at community schools, BACA and PACA will be offered in accordance with the council's admission priorities (see Section 4). Own-admission-authority schools will use their own admission priorities (see Section 5).
- If we cannot meet any of your preferences we will suggest that your child remain at his or her current school. If this is not feasible because you have moved house, we will offer a place at the nearest school to your new home which has a vacancy in the appropriate year group. You may wish to discuss alternative places with the school admissions team.
- You have the right to appeal to the Independent Appeal Panel if you do not get the place you want. You may appeal after you have received the email or letter notifying you of the school allocation (see Section 6 for details about the appeals process).
- If you do not contact the school to accept a place offered by the date specified in the allocation email or letter, the place may be given to another applicant.
- School transfers normally take two to three school weeks to arrange and places are allocated for the next available half term. To ensure this is possible (providing a place is available), please make sure the school admissions team receives your application by the last Friday of the school

holidays. If your house move does not tie in with this timescale your child will be able to start school in the middle of the term.

- September allocations will be made from summer half term onwards. It is a good idea to return applications for this type of transfer before then.

For applications received by the third Friday in June, we aim to process as many as possible before the end of the summer term.

- However we cannot guarantee to give decisions on all the applications before the end of the summer term due to the unpredictability of the volume of applications that may need to be processed around that time. Where this is the case, applicants may be notified of the decisions during the summer holiday and where possible, parents may be able to contact or visit the allocated school before the first day of school in September.

- **Applications received after the third Friday in June will be processed as soon as possible but you may not get a decision until after schools return in September.**

- If in-year application forms are received during term time, the school admissions team will allocate a place at a school for the next available half term unless you have moved house and can no longer travel to your child's current school.



Please note: these arrangements refer to community schools, BACA and PACA. Cardinal Newman and King's have their own admission arrangements that are controlled by their school governors.

You should contact the schools for further details (see Section 5).

School transport

Can the council provide transport from home to school?

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Free transport from home to school

- The council has a duty to provide free transport between home and school for children of secondary school age who live over three miles from the appropriate school (this is termed the statutory walking distance). The appropriate school will be the designated catchment area school (or schools) for your home address provided it has a place available – distances are measured by the shortest safe walking route. This will be measured by computer. If you are unable to obtain a place at your catchment area school then free transport will be provided if the council is unable to offer you an alternative school within three miles of your home.
- If you choose not to apply for the appropriate school, and apply for a school beyond the statutory walking distance from your home, you will not be entitled to free transport unless you have a low income. (see opposite)
- Most children living in Brighton & Hove do not qualify for free transport as they will live within the statutory walking distance.
- Children attending schools outside Brighton & Hove will only qualify for help with transport if that school is regarded as the appropriate school.
- Help will not be given with transport to independent schools.

Families with a low income

- Children entitled to free school meals or whose parents are in receipt of their maximum level of working tax credit (WTC) have a greater entitlement to free transport. If any of their three nearest schools is more than two miles but not more than six miles from their home, they will be entitled to free transport to that school if they obtain a place there. However they will not be entitled to free transport to any of their three nearest schools which is less than two miles from their home.
- When a person is first awarded tax credits, or following a change in their household circumstances, HM Revenue and Customs issue a 'tax credit awards notice' detailing the breakdown and amount of the award. Part 2 of the award notice gives details of **'How we work out your tax credits'** including details of the full WTC elements. This is the maximum amount a customer can receive in WTC in any year. It then lists **'any reduction due to your income'** and shows the net amount payable. It is therefore readily apparent from the award notice whether a person is receiving maximum WTC or a reduced sum due to income. **Only those with the maximum WTC will be entitled to the greater entitlement to free school transport.**
- If you are claiming entitlement to school transport on the grounds of low income, you must inform the council's home to school transport team that you are doing so. The telephone number is 01273 293501, or you can email the team at hometoschooltransport@brighton-hove.gov.uk
- You will need to say whether your child is entitled to free school meals, which we can check against our records, or that you receive the maximum WTC. In the case of the WTC you will be asked to provide your award notice as proof of receipt. You should contact the home to school transport team as soon as possible after you know which school your child has been allocated.

Special needs and special reasons for transport

- If your child is not entitled to free transport because of distance, help may still be given if they are not fit to walk to school or attend a special school.
- We will require a letter confirming this from your GP or the consultant working with your child.
- Pupils attending special schools will have their transport needs individually assessed in consultation with parents / carers.

Transport to the appropriate school

- If a child is entitled to free transport the council will usually meet the full cost of travel on public services, or provide a seat on a hired vehicle, and will issue season tickets or special travel permits as appropriate.
- In exceptional circumstances the council may agree to pay a mileage rate to parents / carers who wish to make their own arrangements. This will normally be paid only where there is no public transport to the appropriate school or the appropriate school is outside Brighton & Hove, and special agreement has been given in advance.

Behaviour on transport

Children travelling to school whether on public transport or in hired vehicles will be expected to behave reasonably and treat drivers, other travellers and members of the public with courtesy and consideration.

Any breach of acceptable behaviour will be dealt with through the school's disciplinary procedures, and if serious, could result in the council reviewing a child's transport arrangements. In some cases that could mean the temporary or permanent removal of entitlement to travel on a particular route.

Complaints about school transport

Any complaints from parents / carers about home to school transport will be investigated immediately. Where the complaint is upheld, steps will be taken to rectify the situation by whatever means necessary. If you have a complaint please telephone 01273 293501.

Please note: the council no longer provides discretionary transport assistance to church voluntary aided schools. Free transport will be provided for any children who are eligible under the criteria that apply to all children, ie those who are attending their nearest school but who live more than three miles from the school, or more than two miles if the family has a low income.

Private fostering

Are you looking after someone else's child?

If you care for someone else's child for a period of more than 28 days this may be a private fostering arrangement.

Private foster carers and parents must notify the local authority about the arrangement. Information, support and advice can then be offered.

Contact:
Children's Services
Brighton & Hove City Council
Tel 01273 290400
frontdoorforfamilies@brighton-hove.gov.uk



Explanation of terms and definitions

Some of the everyday language used in this booklet has a very specific meaning when used to describe the admissions process. This section explains the meanings of some educational terms

Academy

Academies are publicly funded independent schools, free from local authority and national government control. Other freedoms include setting their own pay and conditions for staff, freedoms concerning the delivery of the curriculum, and the ability to change the length of their terms and school days.

Admission authority

The body responsible for deciding admission priorities* and for allocating school places. In the case of community schools* this is the council and in the case of church voluntary aided schools*, academies and free schools, it is the school's governing body.

Admission priorities

The method used by the admission authority* to decide which children are offered places when a school has received more applications than it has places.

Church voluntary aided school

A school where the buildings are maintained by the Church of England or the Catholic Church, and the governors are responsible for admissions policy. With the exception of the costs of new buildings and maintaining the buildings, the council meets the running costs.

Community schools

Schools which are maintained entirely from public funds, and are managed locally by the headteacher and governors together with the council. Formerly known as county schools.

Free school

Free schools are all-ability government-funded schools set up in response to what local people say they want and need in order to improve education for children in their community.

Junior school

A school that takes pupils aged between seven and eleven. Pupils are normally admitted having previously attended an infant school.

Local authority (LA)

The LA in Brighton & Hove is Brighton & Hove City Council.

Maintained school

State-funded school. In Brighton & Hove these are either community* schools or church voluntary aided* schools.

Oversubscribed school

A school where there are more applications than available places.

Own-admission-authority school

A school whose governors are responsible for taking decisions about admissions. Academies, Church voluntary aided schools and free schools fall into this category.

Parent / carer

Under the terms of the Children Act 1989, married parents or the unmarried mother of a child have parental responsibilities automatically. Other people, including unmarried fathers, step-parents, grandparents and other relations, foster carers, and others, may acquire parental responsibilities in a variety of ways. If you are uncertain about your parental status, the school admissions team will be happy to discuss it with you. Please contact the school admissions team for information.

Preference form

Either a paper form or an online form.

Useful telephone numbers and websites

Primary school

A school which has pupils aged between four and eleven, that is, both infant and junior age groups.

Published admission number (PAN)

The number of pupils a school can admit in its intake year. The figure is set after consultation between the council and the school governing body.

Reallocation pool

The method the council uses to decide who will be offered any places at an oversubscribed school that become available after initial decisions have been notified to parents. See page 33.

Secondary school

A school that takes pupils aged between 11 and 16, or 11 and 18 where there is a sixth form.

Sibling / sibling link

For the purposes of the school admissions process, children are siblings if they share the same main address and live as part of the same household. You may be asked to supply proof of this.

Brighton & Hove City Council

- School admissions team 01273 293653 or www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions
- Home to school transport entitlement 01273 293501
- Free school meals entitlement 01273 293497
- Family information service (FIS) 01273 293545 – childcare information
- Special educational needs and pre-school special educational needs, 01273 293552
- Home education officer 01273 291310 – information for parents who educate their children at home
- Ethnic minority achievement service (EMAS) 01273 292521
- School travel team 01273 290561 – promoting safe and sustainable travel to school
- Schools performance data www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance

Other local authorities

- East Sussex County Council 030 033 09472 www.eastsussex.gov.uk
- West Sussex County Council 033 301 42903 www.westsussex.gov.uk

Central government

- Department for Education www.education.gov.uk
- Office for Standards in Education (OfSTED) www.ofsted.gov.uk



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Jeżeli chcieliby Państwo otrzymać tłumaczenie informacji zawartych w niniejszej broszurze, proszę zaznaczyć odpowiednie okienko i napisać poniżej swoje imię, nazwisko i adres. Formularz ten powinien zostać wysłany na adres Zespołu ds. Przyjęć do Szkoły (School Admissions Team), który znajduje się poniżej:

إذا كنتم تودون الحصول على ترجمة للمعلومات الواردة في هذا الكتيب، فيرجى تحديد المربع المناسب وكتابة اسمكم وعنوانكم أدناه. تُرسل هذه الاستمارة بعد ذلك إلى هيئة القبول بالمدرسة على العنوان الموضح أدناه:

Ja jūs vēlaties saņemt bukleta tulkojumu, lūdzu atzīmējiet to attiecīgajā lauciņā un zemāk norādiet savu vārdu un adresi. Šo veidlapu pēc tam nosūtiet Skolas Uzņemšanas nodaļai uz zemāk norādīto adresi:

Si desea recibir una traducción de la información que se incluye en este folleto, marque la casilla correspondiente y anote su nombre y domicilio más abajo. Luego debe enviar este formulario al School Admissions Team (Equipo de Admisión Escolar) a la siguiente dirección:

Para obter uma tradução das informações contidas neste livreto, assinale a caixa correspondente e escreva o seu nome e endereço abaixo. Este formulário deverá, então, ser enviado para o setor de matrículas da escola ("School Admissions Team"), no endereço abaixo:

- ☐ Mandarin
- ☐ Polish
- ☐ Arabic
- ☐ Latvian
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Portuguese
- ☐ Other, please specify in English

Name

Address

School Admissions Team

Brighton & Hove City Council,
Hove Town Hall, Norton Road, Hove, BN3 3BQ