## Is my child likely to be offered a place at a school?

Where there are more applicants for a school than places available (oversubscribed), the admissions criteria is used to decide who should be offered a place. The criteria vary from school to school. You should use them to find out whether your child has a good chance of being offered a place at the schools you prefer.

#### How do I apply?

You should apply online at **www.eadmissions.org.uk**. You can apply for up to six state schools, either in Lewisham or outside the borough. You list them in order of preference. You can apply online from 1 September 2016 until the closing date on 31 October 2016.

Apply online: closing date 31 October 2016.

## When will I find out which school my child has been offered a place at?

If you applied online, you will get an email during the evening of National Offer Day, Wednesday 1 March 2017. It will tell you where your child has been offered a place and how to accept the offer.

From 1 September 2016 you can find all the information you need to apply for secondary school places at www.lewisham.gov.uk/ secondaryadmissions. If you cannot find the information you need, contact us on 020 8314 8282 (9am–12 noon, Monday–Friday).

## Children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities

Most children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities can get the support they need at local mainstream schools.

If your child has a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan, you need to follow a different process. Find out more at www.lewisham.gov.uk/SENadmissions.



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# Applying to start secondary school 2017–18

Information about admissions arrangements



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## Is your child due to start secondary school in September 2017?

If your child permanently lives in the UK and was born between 1 September 2005 and 31 August 2006, you can apply for a secondary school place for September 2017.

Now is the time to:

- start looking at schools in the borough and those outside the borough
- visit the schools on their open days
- carefully consider the admissions criteria for schools you are interested in.

From 1 September 2016 you can visit our website, www.lewisham.gov.uk/ secondaryadmissions for everything you need to know about applying for secondary school places, including:

- what schools are in Lewisham and which are closest to you
- school open days
- how to apply
- how decisions are made
- what happens once you have applied
- important dates in the application process.

#### Deciding which schools to apply for

The first step is to decide which schools you would like to apply for. There are 14 secondary schools in the Lewisham borough. Each one has its own values and offers different opportunities:

- Addey and Stanhope School
- Bonus Pastor Catholic College
- Conisborough College
- Deptford Green School
- Forest Hill School
- Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham College
- Haberdashers' Aske's Knights Academy
- Prendergast Ladywell School
- Prendergast School
- Prendergast Vale School
- Sedgehill School
- St Matthew Academy
- Sydenham School
- Trinity Church of England School, Lewisham

The Citizen School is a new free school opening in September 2017 and will be accepting direct applications from parents/carers from 1 September 2016. If you are interested in your child attending the school, please visit their website at www.citizenschool.org.uk to complete an online expression of interest form.

# School open days

Visiting schools is important. It gives you a chance to look around, get a feel for the facilities and what each school offers. You can also talk to headteachers, teachers and students.

#### Addey and Stanhope School

Tuesday 20 September, 9am Wednesday 21 September, 9am Thursday 22 September, 9am Thursday 22 September, 6pm Friday 23 September, 9am

#### **Bonus Pastor Catholic College**

Thursday 22 September, 6.30pm and 7.30pm Monday 26 September, 9.15am Tuesday 27th September, 9.15am Wednesday 28 September, 9.15am Thursday 29 September, 9.15am Friday 30 September, 9.15am Each session will involve a talk and tour

#### **Conisborough College**

Tuesday 20 September, 9.15–11am for parents of children with surnames beginning A–H Friday 23 September, 9.15–11am for parents of children with surnames beginning I–P Tuesday 27 September, 9.15–11am for parents of children with surnames beginning Q–Z Thursday 29 September, 6–8pm

#### **Deptford Green School**

Monday 26 September, 9am Tuesday 27 September, 9am Wednesday 28 September, 9am Wednesday 28 September, 6pm Thursday 29 September, 9am

#### **Forest Hill School**

Wednesday 28 September, 9.15–12 noon Thursday 29 September, 9.15–12 noon Friday 30 September, 9.15–12 noon Wednesday 5 October, 9.15–12 noon Thursday 6 October, 9.15–12 noon Friday 7 October, 9.15–12 noon All visitors are asked to please arrive promptly at main reception on Dacres Road in readiness for tours of the school to begin at 9.15am. The headteacher will give his welcome talk to visitors in the school theatre from about 11am, and the visits conclude by noon at the latest.

#### Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham College

Wednesday 21 September Please check the College's website for further information.

#### Haberdashers' Aske's Knights Academy

Tuesday 20 September, 5–8pm Tuesday 27 September, 9.15am Tuesday 4 October, 9.15am Tuesday 11 October, 9.15am

#### Prendergast Ladywell School

Tuesday 13 September, 6pm Thursday 15 September, 9.15am Tuesday 20 September, 9.15am Thursday 22 September, 9.15am Tuesday 27 September, 9.15am

#### **Prendergast School**

Thursday 15 September, 5.30–7.30pm Wednesday 21 September, 5.30–7.30pm Thursday 22 September, 1.30–3.30pm

#### Prendergast Vale School

Tuesday 13 September, 9.15am Wednesday 14 September, 9.15am Monday 19th September, 9.15am Wednesday 21 September, 9.15am Thursday 15 September, 5pm Thursday 22 September, 5pm

#### Sedgehill School

Monday 26 September 6–8pm Wednesday 28 September, 9–10.30am Thursday 29 September, 9–10.30am

### St Matthew Academy

Tuesday 27 September, 4.30–7.30pm Tuesday 4 October, 9.15–11.15am Friday 7 October, 9.15–11.15am

#### Sydenham School

Tuesday 13 September, 9.15–10.45am Wednesday 21 September, 9.15–10.45am Saturday 24 September, 9.30–11.30am Thursday 6 October, 9.15–10.45am

## Trinity Church of England School, Lewisham

Thursday 29 September, 6–8pm