



CHOOSING POSITIVE FUTURES

Applying for schools for
your child with special
educational needs

PURPOSE OF THIS SESSION

To support you
to choose the
right school for
your child

To understand
the application
process

WHICH SCHOOL IS BEST
FOR MY CHILD?



WHAT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD?

Being at the same school as their brothers & sisters?

Spending lots of time outside?

A small school where everyone knows them well?

A big school with lots of other children with SEND?

An environment they can be physically independent in?

Access to a quiet area?

Walking to school?

Going to breakfast club?

Research	the admissions book to find out a bit more about the different schools -Start with local ones. Investigate your preferred ones
Visit	Visit at least two schools or more
Child	Take your child's views into account
Travel	Make sure you think about how your child is going to get to school.
Preference	You can express a preference for up to 6 schools – they can be mainstream and special – they can be out of Haringey –DO NOT EXPRESS A PREFERENCE FOR A CHILD YOU HAVE NOT VISITED

WHERE DO I START?

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT EACH SCHOOL?



SCHOOL WEBSITE –
SEN POLICY,
BEHAVIOUR POLICY



SCHOOL
INFORMATION
REPORT



OFSTED REPORTS



TALKING TO OTHER
PARENTS &
CHILDREN



VISITS TO THE
SCHOOL – ASK TO
MEET THE SENCO

The SENCO is a qualified teacher who is responsible for co-ordinating the provision for children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND).

HOW DO I CHOOSE BETWEEN SPECIAL AND MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS?

Think about what is important for you for your child.

Research and visit all the schools you are interested in

Talk to the professionals that work with your child

Some children start off in mainstream and move to special school when they get older.

WHAT IF I DON'T THINK MY CHILD WILL BE READY TO GO TO SCHOOL?

Legally, your child must attend school the term after their 5th birthday

Depending on when your child's 5th birthday falls, you may request deferred entry for your child to start in reception class in Jan 2023 or April 2023

If your child is born in the summer term, they can delay entry to September 2022

If you want your child to delay or defer entry, **you must apply anyway**. Once you have been offered a school you will need to liaise with the headteacher of your school about your decision. If they have an EHCP, you will also need to agree this with Haringey SEND Department

You can read more about this here

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/921255/Guidance_for_parents_September_2020.pdf

HOW TO APPLY

Applying for a school place

SEND Admissions 2022

Haringey provides a range of specialist facilities and support services for children with special educational needs. The special educational needs of most children are met in mainstream schools where additional help is available. In certain cases a special school or unit may be appropriate.

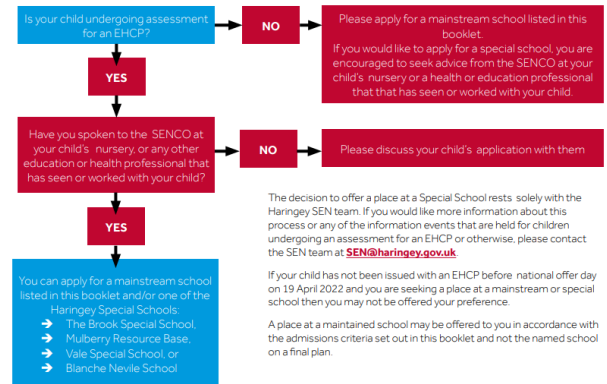
The flowchart here is the process for applying for a place at a special school.

Information about provision for children with Special Educational Needs is available from the SEN team.

Tel: 020 8489 1913

Email: sen@haringey.gov.uk

SEN Reception Application Flowchart



The decision to offer a place at a Special School rests solely with the Haringey SEN team. If you would like more information about this process or any of the information events that are held for children undergoing an assessment for an EHCP or otherwise, please contact the SEN team at SEN@haringey.gov.uk.

If your child has not been issued with an EHCP before national offer day on 19 April 2022 and you are seeking a place at a mainstream or special school then you may not be offered your preference.

A place at a maintained school may be offered to you in accordance with the admissions criteria set out in this booklet and not the named school on a final plan.

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WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS OR IS BEING ASSESSED FOR AN EDUCATION, HEALTH & CARE PLAN?

If your child has an EHC plan, your child will be offered the school named on the plan – you will be able to ask your caseworker to consult your preferred schools.

If your child's EHC plan is in process on 19th April you will be offered a mainstream school – **this may change later**. SEN and admissions will liaise but your child will not be treated preferably until the EHCP is in place

Children not being considered for an EHCP cannot be considered for a special school place – mainstream schools have a budget they can use to provide additional support and can apply for an EHCP at any time if they feel the child needs it

SOCIAL/MEDICAL CATEGORY

If you apply under this category you must be able to demonstrate why only one specific school can meet your child's needs and no other.

Your application can be supported by professionals.

WHAT IF I WANT A SCHOOL THAT'S NOT IN HARINGEY

You can choose a mainstream school that is not in Haringey.

You need to put it on the same form as your other choices

If you have an EHCP, you can ask us to consult it to see how it can meet your child's needs

WHAT SUPPORT WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE?

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/local-offer/5-15-year-olds>



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