Applying to start primary school 2020

Information about admissions arrangements

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This document is designed to help guide parents and carers who are resident in the Lewisham borough through the admission process for starting primary school in September 2020. This information is also available online at www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

If you have any questions about the admissions process, call the Admissions Team on 020 8314 8282 (Tuesday–Thursday 9am–1pm) or email primaryschooladmissions@lewisham.gov.uk.

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Who this information is for
The information is intended for residents of the Lewisham borough only. If your child lives outside the borough, you are welcome to apply for schools in Lewisham but must do so through your local council.

Children with an education health care plan
If your child has an education health care plan (EHCP), you need to follow a different admissions process. For more information, call the Children with Complex Needs Team on 020 3049 1475.

Useful websites
All you need to know about applying to start primary school in the Lewisham borough
www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryadmissions
Find out about primary schools in the borough and which are closest to you
www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryschools

Apply online for primary school places
www.eadmissions.org.uk

Apply online
Appy online for admission to primary schools at www.eadmissions.org.uk. The benefits of applying online are:
- it only takes a few minutes
- you will get an email confirmation saying your application has been received
- the system helps you by checking for errors
- there is no risk that your application will get lost in the post or arrive late
- you can change your preferences of school up until the closing date
- your details are held securely
- after 5pm on 16 April 2020, you will get an email saying where your child has been offered a place.

After you submit your application, you will get a reference number that will be similar to this: 209-2019-09-E-002009. If you do not get a number, your application has not been submitted.

Important dates
Important dates for the admission process for children starting primary school in Lewisham in September 2020.

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Applying for a Reception place
We coordinate applications for Reception class places in primary schools in the Lewisham borough.

You must apply for a primary school place through your local council. If you live outside the borough, you must apply through your local council.

If you are applying under the religious criteria for a place at a faith school, you must complete a supplementary information form and return it to the school directly by Wednesday 15 January 2020. You can download a supplementary information form from the school’s website.

Primary school starting age
Children who live in the borough permanently and were born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 are eligible to start Reception full-time in September 2020.

Deciding which primary schools to apply for
You can apply for up to six mainstream state primary schools, which can be in or outside the Lewisham borough. As it is not always possible to offer every child a place at one of their preferred schools, we suggest you research a range of schools, including the ones closest to your home address before you submit your application.

Most schools in the borough will be oversubscribed, so we recommend you look at your nearest schools (both faith and non-faith schools). We also advise you to use all six preferences and not restrict your application. A list of the primary schools in the borough, including contact details, age ranges and number of places available starts at page 12.

To find out more about primary schools in the borough and see which are nearest to your home, visit www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryschools.

Visiting schools
Before deciding which schools you want to apply for, you should visit the school to meet the staff, see the facilities and opportunities available. Headteachers will be pleased to show you around the school and answer your questions. Contact schools directly to arrange your visit.

Admissions criteria
When a school is oversubscribed – meaning they get more applications than there are places available – the school’s admissions criteria is applied to decide which children qualify for a place. It is important that you read the admissions criteria for the schools you want to apply for, to see if your child is likely to qualify for a place.

Most primary schools in Lewisham and neighbouring boroughs are expected to receive more applications than there are places available. Limiting the number of schools you list on your application can limit the chance of your child getting an offer from one of your preferred schools.

Do not include fee-paying (independent) schools or special needs schools on your application as they have a separate application process.

Children of staff
A small number of primary schools will give priority to children whose parent is employed at the school. Please read the school’s definition of ‘children of staff’ to make sure your child qualifies under this criterion and complete the relevant information on the online application. This policy does not apply to community schools in Lewisham.

Crown servants
Families of UK service personnel or Crown Servants returning from overseas to live in the borough can apply for a school place while their child does not live in the borough. When you apply you must also submit an official letter from the relevant government department.
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that says the relocation date and/or unit postal address, quartering area address or family home address. You should give us your relocation address so we can allocate places fairly and in accordance with the school’s admissions criteria.

You must tell us about any changes to your planned address during the application process. If you can’t provide confirmation of a relocation address, we will not be able to process your application. If you do not qualify under this criterion, do not tick this box on the application form as it may delay your application being processed.

Applicants from overseas
Apart from Crown Servants returning from overseas, we will be unable to process applications from overseas until you live permanently in the borough.

Admissions criteria for community schools
Admissions criteria are applied when the school receives more applications than there are places available. Community schools in the borough use the same admissions criteria (see below). Voluntary-aided schools, foundation schools, free schools and academies have their own criteria for deciding which children to admit. You can find the full admissions policy, annual intake and other information about each of the schools in the borough on the school’s websites. See page 12 for contact details of primary schools in the borough.

Admissions policy for community schools
For the exact legal wording of the criteria, read our determined admissions policy at www.lewisham.gov.uk/admissionscriteria.

When a community school in the borough is oversubscribed for the Reception class in September 2020, we will use the following criteria and offer places to:

1. Looked-after children
We will offer places to looked-after children, or children who were previously looked after but, immediately after being looked after, became subject to an adoption order, child arrangements or a special guardianship order.

A looked-after child is a child who is:

- in the care of a local authority, or
- being provided with accommodation by a local authority.

Confirmation of a child’s looked-after status must be supplied by the allocated social worker or foster carer with the application, along with a copy of the adoption order, care order or special guardianship order.

Children who were adopted from overseas do not qualify under this criterion.

2. Medical or social need
In exceptional circumstances, we may admit a child to a school where they would not normally qualify for a place on the grounds of their, or their family’s, severe medical or social need.

When you apply, you must include a letter from a hospital consultant, social worker or similar professional, saying why the school is the only one to meet your child’s needs. You must submit this evidence along with your application before the closing date.

We will make a decision about admission in consultation with a panel of teaching and medical professionals. The medical professional gives advice about applications made for medical reasons, and teaching professionals advise on applications made for social or special reasons. If your child has a severe medical or social need you will need to complete the application form on the website, and include a letter as above.

3. Siblings
We will offer places to children whose brother or sister attends the school on the closing date for applications, and will still be attending the school at the intended date of admission (or the junior school in the case of separate infant and junior schools), this applies to: Stillness Infant and Junior Schools.

The younger child does not qualify for sibling priority if their older sibling will have transferred from Year 6 to secondary school by the time the younger child is admitted.

Who is a sibling
Siblings must all live at the same address as the child applying. You may need to provide proof of the sibling relationship. Siblings include:

- all blood and adoptive siblings
- half-siblings
- foster siblings of looked-after children
- step-siblings.

If schools are oversubscribed entirely with siblings, priority will be given to:

- those with exceptional social and medical need, and
- to those living nearest the school.
4. Distance to school
We offer places to children who live nearest to the school. We measure distances from a central point in the school premises, using digital mapping software of the area, to a point in your permanent home address. If more than one applicant lives in a multi-occupancy building, such as flats, we will give priority to the applicant whose door number is the lowest (numerically or alphabetically).

Twins, triplets and other multiple births
If twins, triplets or children from other multiple births qualify for the last school place to be allocated, we will admit all of the qualifying siblings.

Tie break
On rare occasions where two or more identical applicants qualify for the last available place, we will draw lots to decide which child is offered the place.

Waiting lists
You cannot be added to the waiting list for a lower preference school than the one you were offered, unless we (or the home local authority) have agreed to your request to change the order of preferences.

Waiting lists for our community schools will include children who have moved to the borough after the application closing date and were therefore unable to apply on time. Waiting lists will be held in criteria order, and children’s names may go up, as well as down, a list as new applicants are added.

The admissions process continues until the end of the summer term 2020. If you apply for reception class after the end of the summer term 2020, your application will be considered as an in-year applicant.

Waiting lists will be held for the first term of the reception year only (until the end of December 2020). If you want to apply for a school place after this, you must make an in-year application.

Deferring a place
If your child is offered a place to start in the Reception class starting in September 2020, you can defer taking the place until later in the same school year.

Alternatively, your child can attend school part time until they reach compulsory school age (the term following their fifth birthday).

Before you decide if you want to defer your child’s admission, or request that they attend the Reception class part time, you should speak to the headteacher of the school you have been offered and discuss what support is available to help your child participate fully in school life. You should arrange deferred admission or part-time placement with the headteacher of the school concerned. In these circumstances, we will hold your child’s school place during the academic year.

Delayed entry to Reception class for summer-born children
If your child is born in summer (between 1 April and 31 August), you can request that your child is admitted to the Reception class the following academic year and be educated ‘out of cohort’. You need to apply for delayed admission and include information detailing why a delayed admission it is in your child’s best interests. We will decide whether or not to agree to your request for delayed admission to community schools in the borough. For faith schools, free schools, foundation schools and academies and schools outside the borough, the decision is taken by the governing body for the school.

We will consider your request to delay your summer-born child’s entry to a community school until they reach compulsory school age and be admitted to Reception class, rather than Year 1 with children of the same age range. This means that a summer-born child would not start school at all during the academic year after their fourth birthday.

Before deciding to request to delay your child’s admission, you should first contact the school(s) you are interested in applying for. They will be able to explain the provision on offer to children in Reception class, how it is tailored to meet the needs of all children, including those born during the summer months, and how those needs will continue to be met as children move up through the school. They may also be able to reassure you about any concerns you may have about your child’s readiness for school.

We consider each child’s circumstances on a case-by-case basis and make a decision in the best interests of the child.

School admission authorities are not required to honour a decision made by another admission authority. This means you need to get approval from all your preferred schools to delay your child’s admission before you apply. The admission authority must seek the views of the headteacher of the school concerned. You will get a response in writing to your request before the primary national offer day. If your request is denied, it will explain why.

If we comply with your later year’s request to allow...
your child to participate in the admissions scheme, you must agree that your child will transfer to primary school with the later cohort, regardless of the outcome of your application. You must not have participated in the transfer scheme the year before.

You must consider the implications of a delayed transfer. Headteachers of primary (and secondary) schools are not required to continue to keep your child out of year group. This means they may later decide to educate your child in the correct year.

You can find guidance about applying for delayed admission, and the application form, at www.lewisham.gov.uk/summerborn.

Applying for early admission
In very exceptional circumstances, we will consider a request for early admission to Reception for children born after 31 August 2016.

In your application, you can include support from the headteacher of your child’s nursery or early years setting, or an educational psychologist providing evidence that your child is academically outstanding and sufficiently physically and emotionally mature to cope with the demands of primary school.

If we comply with your request to allow your child to participate in the admissions scheme early, you need to agree that your child will transfer to primary school with the earlier cohort, regardless of the outcome of your application, and you will not qualify to participate in the admissions scheme the following year.

The implications of applying early or delaying a school place
You must consider the implications of starting Reception early or late. Headteachers of primary schools are not required to continue to keep the child out of year group. This means they may decide to later educate your child in the correct year.

How the preference system works
When you apply for primary school places, you can put up to six schools on your application. You need to list the schools in preference order. Your chance of being offered a school you have applied for will not increase if you apply for fewer schools.

It is very important to list the schools in the order you would prefer your child to go to them. We will use your preferences to allocate school places.

How preferences work
You are offered one school place on national offer day. If your child qualifies for a place at more than one school on your list, we will offer you a place at the school that comes highest on your list of possible offers.

If we can’t offer you a place at one of the schools you applied for, we will offer you a place at a school, this will normally be the closest school to your home address with a vacancy. This may be a faith or non faith school.

Examples of the preference system
- Child A has applied for six schools. The child does not qualify for a place at the first or second preference school, but does qualify for a place at their third preference school. The third preference school is offered to the child on national offer day. The fourth, fifth and sixth preference schools are ‘settled’ as they were ranked lower on the list. The child stays on the waiting list of their first and second preference schools and they will get the right of appeal.

- Child B has applied for six schools. The schools are oversubscribed and the child does not qualify for a place at any of them. We tell the parent of the outcome and about their right of appeal. We offer a place at a school in Lewisham where there is a vacancy as an alternative. The child stays on the waiting lists for their preferred schools.

- Child C has applied for six schools and can be offered a place at their first preference school on national offer day. All of the other schools named on the list are ‘settled’. The child has an older brother at their third preference school and, after national offer day, the parent wants the child to go to that school instead. The parent will need to contact the admissions team and request that Child C is placed on the waiting list of the lower preference school.

- Child D has applied for six schools, all outside the borough, but does not qualify for a place at any of them. We offer the parent a place at a school where there is a vacancy, and tell them about their right to appeal. However, the parent wants their child to go to a school close to their home, which they hadn’t applied for. The school is oversubscribed and has not been able to offer all applicants a place. The parent can contact the admissions team and ask for Child D to be added to the waiting list.
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How to apply
You need to apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. You can find a step-by-step guide to applying online at www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryadmissions. There is also an eAdmissions tutorial and FAQ, which you can access before you register onto the online system.

When you start your application, the system will automatically identify your local council from your postcode. Your local council will get an electronic copy of your application. Make sure your home address and postcode are correct.

The deadline for applications is 11.59pm on 15 January 2020.

If your address isn’t recognised
If your address is not recognised by the eAdmissions website, or you live in a new development, call us on 020 8314 8282 or email primarieschooladmissions@lewisham.gov.uk.

Parental responsibility
The person completing the application must be the child’s parent (including adoptive parents) or the person with legal parental responsibility. We cannot accept applications from a grandparent or other family member unless they have legal parental responsibility.

Proof of parental responsibility
You must provide evidence of your parental responsibility when you apply for a school place. You should scan and upload the most recent copy of one of the below, confirming you and your child’s name:

- child benefit
- child tax credit
- child tax fund letter.

If you can’t provide one of these documents, contact us for advice.

If you are not the child’s parent
If you are applying for a school place but are not the child’s parent, you need to include a letter explaining what your relationship is to the child and why you are applying instead of the parent. You must also provide a legal document to prove you have parental responsibility.

Evidence of permanent home address
The address you give must be the child’s permanent home address. When you apply, you need to provide evidence of your home address. This should be a:

- 2019/2020 council tax statement
- tenancy agreement or solicitor’s letter confirming house purchase.

If you don’t have these, contact us for advice.

We may check our records, as well as those of other external agencies, to confirm a child’s permanent home address.

Giving a false address
Sometimes parents rent a property close to a popular school or apply from a relative’s address to increase the likelihood of their child gaining admission. If you give a false address and we make an offer on the basis of fraudulent information, we will withdraw the offer of a place.

Children whose parents don’t live together
If parents who are not living together share the care of their child equally, we usually accept that the child lives with the parent who has parental responsibility and who gets child benefit and/or child tax credit. You need to provide evidence of this as it may affect your child’s application.

Submitting your application
Once you have completed your application, you need to submit it. Before you submit your application, make sure all of the information is correct, including your home address and contact details. You will also need to:

- read the declaration carefully
- scan and upload your proof of parental responsibility and permanent home address.

Do not send original documents to us as we do not have the resources to return them.

Supplementary information forms for primary schools
Some primary schools in the borough need you to complete their supplementary information form if you are applying for a ‘faith’ place, as well as naming the school on your application.

You can get supplementary information forms from the school directly or from the school’s website. You must return it to them by 15 January 2020.

Each of these schools require you to complete a supplementary information form:

- All Saint’s CE Primary
- Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School
- Holy Cross Catholic Primary School
- Holy Trinity CE Primary School

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Our Lady and St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School
St Augustine’s Catholic Primary School
St Bartholomew’s CE Primary School
St George’s CE Primary School
St James Hatcham CE Primary School
St John Baptist CE Primary School
St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School
St Margaret’s Lee CE Primary School
St Mary Magdalen’s Catholic Primary School
St Mary’s CE Primary School
St Matthew Academy
St Michael’s CE Primary School
St Saviour’s Roman Catholic Primary School
St Stephen’s CE Primary School
St William of York Catholic Primary School
St Winifred’s Catholic Primary School
Trinity Church of England School, Lewisham

Last year’s application and appeals rates
This table indicates how places were allocated on 16 April 2019 under each admissions criterion.

These application and appeal numbers are for 2019 and provided as a guide only. Applications for admission in September 2020 are likely to be different.

For the distance criterion, we measured distances electronically in metres using a straight line from the applicant’s home to a central point within the school premises.

For precise home-to-school measurements for schools in other councils, contact that council directly.

*Schools that took a bulge class

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Applying for a Reception place after the closing date

Missed the closing date
You should call us if you miss the closing date for applying (15 January 2020). You can tell us your reasons and we will discuss how we might be able to help with your application.

If you move into the borough, or miss the closing date for good reason
You can make a ‘late for good reason’ application if you move into the borough after the closing date or if there is another good reason why you missed the closing date.

The closing date for ‘late for good reason’ applications is 7 February 2020. You must include evidence of why your application is late, such us evidence of a house move or a medical reason that stopped you from applying on time.

All other applications made after 15 January 2020 will not be processed until May/June 2020.

Contact us on the details below for more advice.

If you move before 7 February 2020
If you submitted your application on time and you move home before 7 February 2020, you should contact us. We will withdraw your original application and you can make a new application from your new home address. If you move outside Lewisham, you need to contact your new local council.

If you move between 7 February and 16 April 2020
If you move home after 7 February 2020, your application will still be based on your original home address. We will honour any school place we have offered you. If you accept the place you need to make sure your child attends school regularly and on time.

If you move between 16 April 2020 and the start of term in September 2020
If you move home after you have accepted an offer, we will honour the place. You must make sure the journey is reasonable and that your child always arrives at school and is picked up on time.

If you no longer need a school place in the borough, you should let us know in writing. You need to explain why you no longer need the place so we can close the application and offer the place to another child.

National offer day – 16 April 2020

Offers
If you applied on time using the online eAdmissions website, you will get an email after 5pm on 16 April 2020 telling you where your child has been offered a school place. We cannot give results over the telephone.

On national offer day, your child will be offered the single highest place possible on the application. See ‘how the preference system works’ on page 6.

Because a higher offer has been made, and the offer made must be a single offer by law, this caused the lower preferences to became invalid and settled.

Accepting or declining your offer
If you applied online, you must log into your account to accept or decline the offer, so it is important to keep a record of your username and password.

If you weren’t offered your higher preferences
You will automatically be added to the waiting list for any schools you named as a higher preference than the school offered. You can read details of what you can do if your child was not offered your first preference on the eAdmissions website.

If you aren’t offered one of your preferences
If your child has not been offered a place at any of the schools you applied for, we will offer you a place at the closest school in the borough to your home address where there is still has a vacancy. This may be a faith or non-faith school, or a school outside your family’s neighbourhood. There is no limit on how far a place can be offered, however we aim to offer a place within two miles of the child’s home, or 45 minutes each way travel.

If you have not been offered one of your preference schools, we will write to you telling you which school your child has been allocated. You will automatically be added to the waiting lists for the schools you applied for.

We encourage you to accept the school offered, as we cannot guarantee that one of your preference schools will offer you a place later in the process. Accepting the offer will not affect any waiting list your child’s name is on or any admissions appeal.

You should visit the school and speak to the headteacher about the opportunities available to your child. Headteachers will be delighted to show you their school and assure you that your child can excel there.
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Information about admissions arrangements

Further information
You can get advice and information from the Department for Education (DfE) about a wide range of school-related issues, including the School Admissions Code and School Admissions Appeals Codes at www.gov.uk/dfe.

Appeals
You have the right to appeal against a decision not to offer you a place at a school you applied for. If you want to appeal, you must contact the admission authority for the school in the days after you receive your offer.

The closing date for lodging an admissions appeal for a community school is Friday 10 May 2020.

We deal with appeals for community schools in the borough. You can read our advice on the appeals process at www.lewisham.gov.uk/appealsprimary.

You should contact the school directly if you have been refused a place by:

- an academy
- a faith school
- a school outside the borough.

Get independent advice
For independent advice, contact ACE Education Advice. You can call their telephone advice line on 0300 0115 142, Monday–Wednesday, 10am–1pm.

Appealing online
You can appeal online at www.lewisham.gov.uk/appealsprimary. You need to log into our website. If you don’t have an account, you need to register first. The form takes about 20 minutes to complete, depending on the nature of your appeal.

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 in mainstream schools. However, some children need extra support through an education, health and care plan (EHCP). There is a separate application process for children with an EHCP.

There are seven mainstream primary schools in the borough that offer specialist resource provision. Each resource has its own admissions criteria based on the primary need. The schools with a specialist resource are:

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For more information, visit www.lewisham.gov.uk/senadmissions, contact the Children with Complex Needs Service on 020 3049 1475 or email sen@lewisham.gov.uk.

Transferring from an infant to junior school in Lewisham
If you have a child in Year 2 at Stillness Infant School and you want them to continue into the junior phase, they will automatically transfer from Year 2 to Year 3.

If you want your child to go to a different school in Year 3, either in or out of the borough, you must apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. The closing date for applying is 15 January 2020.

On the application form you can list a maximum of three schools including any outside of Lewisham. You should list the schools in preference order.

For some schools, you may need to complete and submit a supplementary information form (SIF) as well as applying online. You can get a SIF from the school directly.

You will get an email telling you the result of your application after 5pm on 16 April 2020. If you have been offered a school place, you must accept or decline it by logging onto your eAdmissions account. Make sure you keep your login details safe once you have submitted your application.

If you apply for schools outside the borough, these will be forwarded to the respective local council and will be considered in accordance with the relevant admissions criteria for the school.
Primary schools in the borough of Lewisham

Number of places available
The figure for places available in 2020–21 refers to the total number of children that will be admitted to the Reception class.

\[ N = \text{The school has a nursery} \]

Adamsrill Primary School N
Headteacher: Dr Increase Eko
www.adamsrill.lewisham.sch.uk
Adamsrill Road, Sydenham
SE26 4AQ
020 8699 8548
admin@adamsrill.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 90
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DfE number: 209 2000

All Saints’ CE Primary School
Headteacher: Debbie Tompkins
www.all Saints.lewisham.sch.uk
Blackheath Vale, SE3 0TX
020 8852 6136
admin@all Saints.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 5–11
Places available 2020/21: 30
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DfE number: 209 3301
* you need to submit a supplementary information form if applying for a faith place

Ashmead Primary School N
Headteacher: Sean O’Flynn
www.ashmeadprimary.wordpress.com
Ashmead Road, SE8 4DX
020 8692 6081
admin@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 60
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DfE number: 209 2878

Athelney Primary School N
Executive Headteacher: Kathryn Wong
www.brindisheschools.org
Beacon Road, SE13 6EH
020 8852 7245 info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 90
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DfE number: 209 2304

Baring Primary School N
Headteacher: Caroline Phillips
www.baring.lewisham.sch.uk
Linchmere Road, SE12 0NB
020 8857 5637/0662
admin@baring.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DfE number: 209 2029

Beecroft Garden Primary School N
Headteacher: Graham Voller
www.beecroftgarden.lewisham.sch.uk
Beecroft Road, SE4 2BS
020 8692 2762
admin@beecroftgarden.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 60
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DfE number: 209 2068

Brindishe Lee Primary School
Executive Headteacher: Rachel Waite
Headteacher: James Baguley
www.brindisheschools.org
Wantage Road, SE12 8NA
020 8318 4626
info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 5–11
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DfE number: 209 2887

Brindishe Manor Primary School N
Executive Headteacher: Rachel Waite
Headteacher: Kate Porter
www.brindisheschools.org
Leahurst Road, SE13 5LS
020 8852 0852
info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DfE number: 209 2381

Childeric Primary School N
(academy converter) Headteacher: Ann Butcher
www.childericprimary.co.uk
Childeric Road, SE14 6DG
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Coopers Lane Primary School
Headteacher: Paul Hooper
www.cooperslane.lewisham.sch.uk
Pragnell Road, SE12 0LF
020 8314 8282
info@cooperslane.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 90
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DFE number: 209 2108

Edmund Waller Primary School
Headteacher: Colleen Boxall
www.edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk
Waller Road, SE14 5LY
020 7639 0436
office@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 60
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DFE number: 209 2163

Elfrida Primary School
Executive Headteacher: Kathryn Wong
Head of School: Elizabeth Newton
www.elfridaprimary.org.uk
Elfrida Crescent SE6 3EN
020 8698 5755
admin@elfrida.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 2–11
Places available 2020–21: 60
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DFE number: 209 2197

Eliot Bank Primary School
Executive Headteacher: Maria Gilmore
Head of School: Mark Ridler
www.eliotbankprimaryschool.co.uk
Thorpewood Avenue, SE26 4BU
020 8699 0586
info@eliotbank.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 60
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DFE number: 209 2815

Fairlawn Primary School
Executive Headteacher: Jeanette Brumby
Headteacher: Hania Ryans
www.fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk
Honor Oak Road, SE23 3SB
020 8699 7948
admin@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 5–11
Places available 2020–21: 60
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DFE number: 209 2811

Forster Park Primary School
Headteacher: Andy Bond
www.forsterpark.co.uk
Boundfield Road, SE26 4BU
020 8698 5686
admin@forsterpark.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 90
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DFE number: 209 2225

Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School
Headteacher: Paul Moriarty
www.goodshepherd.lewisham.sch.uk
Moorside Road, BRI 5EP
020 8698 4173
admin@goodshepherd.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DFE number: 209 3344
* you need to submit a supplementary information form if applying for a faith place

Gordonbrock Primary School
Executive Headteacher: Maria Gilmore
Head of school: Jane Wright
www.gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk
Amyruth Road, SE4 1HQ

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020 8690 0704
admin@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 90
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DfE number: 209 2259

Grinling Gibbons Primary School
Executive Headteacher: Jeanette Brumby
Headteacher: Dean Gordon
www.gglvfederation.org
Clyde Street, SE8 5LW
020 8692 4907
admin@ggibbons.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DfE number: 209 2267

Hatcham Temple Grove – Hunsdon Road N
Head of school: Emily Gynam
www.haat.org.uk Hunsdon Road, SE14 5RD
020 7652 9510
hreception@haaf.org.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 60
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DfE number: 209 2289

Haberdashers’ Aske’s Knights Academy – Knights Temple Grove N
Head of School: Joanna Roberts
www.haat.org.uk
Ballamore Road, BR1 5LW
020 8461 9240
kreception@hahc.org.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 60
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DfE number: 209 2307

Holy Cross Catholic Primary School
Executive Headteacher: Mary Collins
Head of School: Giovanna Finaldi
www.holycross.lewisham.sch.uk
Culverley Road, SE6 2LD
020 8698 2675
admin@holycross.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DfE number: 209 2782

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Places available 2020-21: 60
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DFE number: 209 2342

Kelvin Grove Primary School
Headteacher: Ian Hyde
www.kelvingrove.lewisham.sch.uk
Kirkdale, SE26 6BB
020 8699 6300
admin@kelvingrove.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020-21: 90
(including admission to the resource base for children on the autistic spectrum)
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DFE number: 209 2347

Kender Primary School
Headteacher: Keith Barr
www.kender.lewisham.sch.uk
Kender Street, SE14 5JA
020 7639 4654
info@kender.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020-21: 60
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DFE number: 209 2349

Kilmorie Primary School
Headteacher: Liz Stone
www.kilmoreyschool.co.uk
Kilmorie Road, SE23 2SP
020 8291 1250
info@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020-21: 90
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DFE number: 209 2349

Launcelot Primary School
Headteacher: Maxine Osbaldeston
www.launcelot.lewisham.sch.uk
Launcelot Road, BR1 5EA
020 8697 2304
admin@launcelot.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11

Lucas Vale Primary School
Executive Headteacher: Jeanette Brumby
Headteacher: Ruth Cobblah
www.gglvfederation.org
Thornville Street, SE8 4QB
020 8692 4660
admin@lucasvale.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020-21: 60
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DFE number: 209 2374

Marvels Lane Primary School
Headteacher: Edward Dove
www.marvelslane.lewisham.sch.uk
Riddons Road, SE12 9RA
020 8857 3904
info@marvelslane.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020-21: 60
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DFE number: 209 2390

Myatt Garden Primary School
Headteacher: Sally Williams
www.myattgarden.lewisham.sch.uk
Rokeby Road, SE4 1DF
020 8691 0611
admin@myattgarden.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020-21: 60
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DFE number: 209 2403

Our Lady and St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School
Headteacher: Matthew Ringham
www.olspn.school-uk.org
Infants and Nursery Mayow Road, SE23 2XG
Juniors 208 Sydenham Road, Sydenham SE26 5SE
020 8778 4386 (main school)
admin@olspn.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020-21: 60
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DFE number: 209 3588
*you need to submit a supplementary information form if applying for a faith place

Perrymount Primary School
Executive headteacher: David Sheppard
Headteacher: Viv Nicholls
www.prendergast-ladywell.com
Manwood Road, SE4 1SA
020 8613 7490
priadmissions@prendergast-ladywell.com
Age range: 5–16
Places available 2020-21: 60
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DFE number: 209 4323

Prendergast Vale College
Executive Headteacher: David Sheppard
Headteacher: Duncan Kamya
www.prendergast-vale.com
Elmira Street, SE13 7BN
020 8297 3540
admin@prendergast-vale.com
Applying to start primary school 2020–21

Information about admissions arrangements

Age range: 3–16
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DfE number: 209 5201

Rangefield Primary School N
Executive Headteacher: Michelle Fenniche
Headteachers: Caroline Hussey and Chris Ball
www.rangefieldprimaryschool.com
Glenbow Road, BR1 4RP
020 8698 3112
admin@rangefield.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 60
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DfE number: 209 2491

Rathfern Primary School N
Headteacher: Naheeda Maharasingam
www.rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk
Rathfern Road, SE6 4NL
020 8690 3759
admin@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 60
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DfE number: 209 2493

Rushey Green Primary School N
Headteacher: Lisa Williams
www.rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk
Culverley Road, SE6 2LA
020 8698 5001
admin@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 90
(including admission to the Centre for the Deaf)
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DfE number: 209 2529

St Augustine’s Catholic Primary School N
Executive Headteacher: Mary Collins
Head of School: Denise Duffus
www.staugustines.lewisham.sch.uk
Dunfield Road, SE6 3RD
020 8698 6083
info@staugustines.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DfE number: 209 3416
* you need to submit a supplementary information form if applying for a faith place

St Bartholomew’s CE Primary School
Headteacher: Sara Sanbrook-Davies
www.st-bartholomews.lewisham.sch.uk
The Peak, SE26 4LJ
020 8699 8537
info@st-bartholomews.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 5–11
Places available 2020–21: 60
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DfE number: 209 3420
* you need to submit a supplementary information form if applying for a faith place

St George’s CE Primary School N
Headteacher: Geraldine Constable
www.stgeorges.lewisham.sch.uk
Perry Vale, SE23 2NE
020 8699 5127
admin@stgeorges.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DfE number: 209 3325
* you need to submit a supplementary information form if applying for a faith place

St James Hatcham CE Primary School
Headteacher: Sonia McFarlane
www.st-jameshatcham.lewisham.sch.uk
St James, SE14 6AD
020 8692 4937
admin@st-jameshatcham.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DfE number: 209 3454
* you need to submit a supplementary information form if applying for a faith place

St John Baptist CE Primary School
Headteacher: John Goodey
www.sjb.lewisham.sch.uk
Beachborough Road, BR1 5RL
020 8698 3059
admin@sjb.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 5–11
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DfE number: 209 3472
* you need to submit a supplementary information form if applying for a faith place

St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School
Headteacher: Nicola Doherty
www.stjps.lewisham.sch.uk
Crossfield Street, SE8 3PH
020 8692 4836
admin@stjps.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 5–11
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DfE number: 209 3478
* you need to submit a supplementary information form if applying for a faith place

St Margaret’s Lee CE Primary School N
Headteacher: Ian Wilson
www.stmargaretsslee.lewisham.sch.uk
Lee Church Street, SE13 5SG
020 8852 3151
admin@stmargaretsslee.lewisham.sch.uk

Contact: Admissions and Appeals Team, Laurence House, Catford SE6 4RU.
Tel: 020 8314 8282 (lines are open Tuesday–Thursday, 9am–1pm). Email: primaryadmissions@lewisham.gov.uk
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Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DFE number: 209 3374
* a supplementary information form is required if applying for a church place

St Mary Magdalen’s Catholic Primary School
Head of school: Lisa De Souza
www.stmarymagdalenprimary.blogspot.co.uk
Howson Road, SE4 2BB
020 8692 5055
info@st-marymagdalens.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 5–11
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DFE number: 209 3315
* you need to submit a supplementary information form if applying for a faith place

St Mary’s Lewisham CE Primary School N
Headteacher: Christine Bernard
www.st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk
329 Lewisham High Street, SE13 6NX
020 8690 2613
admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DFE number: 209 3518
* you need to submit a supplementary information form if applying for a faith place

St Matthew Academy N
Executive Headteacher: Mr S Cefai
Headteacher: Miranda Baldwin
www.stmatthewacademy.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DFE number: 209 3548
* you need to submit a supplementary information form if applying for a faith place

St Joseph’s Vale, SE3 0XX
020 8853 6250
tche@stmatthewacademy.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–16
Places available 2020–21: 60
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DFE number: 209 6907
* you need to submit a supplementary information form if applying for a faith place

St Michael’s CE Primary School
Headteacher: Riana Gouws
www.stmichaels1871.org.uk
Champion Road, SE26 4HH
020 8778 8407
admin@stmichaels.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 5–11
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DFE number: 209 3548
* you need to submit a supplementary information form if applying for a faith place

St Saviour’s RC Primary School N
Headteacher: Dean House
www.stsaviours.lewisham.sch.uk
10 Bonfield Road, SE13 6AL
020 8857 8792
info@stsaviours.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DFE number: 209 3594
* you need to submit a supplementary information form if applying for a faith place

St Stephen’s CE Primary School N
Headteacher: Frances Holland
www.ststephensce.co.uk
Albyn Road, SE8 4ED
020 8692 1898
admin@ststephensce.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DFE number: 209 3597
* you need to submit a supplementary information form if applying for a faith place

St William of York Catholic Primary School N
Headteacher: Sharon Lynch
www.swoyo.lewisham.sch.uk
Brockley Park, SE23 1PS
020 8690 2842
admin@swoyo.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 30
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DFE number: 209 3650
* you need to submit a supplementary information form if applying for a faith place

St Winifred’s Catholic Primary School N
Headteacher: Margaret Hanrahan
www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk
admin@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk
Newstead Road, SE12 0SJ
020 8857 8792
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 60
Admissions criteria: see school’s website
DFE number: 209 2002
*you need to submit a supplementary information form if applying for a faith place

Sandhurst Primary School N
Headteacher: Rebecca Dove
www.webfronter.com/lewisham/sandhurstprimary
Minard Road, SE6 1NW
020 8698 5810
admin@sandhurstprimary.lewisham.sch.uk
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Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 90
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DfE number: 209 2536

Sir Francis Drake
Headteacher: Christine Barnes
www.sfdprimary.co.uk
Scawen Road, SE8 5AE
020 8692 4321
admin@francisdake.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 5–11
Places available 2020–21: 60
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DfE number: 209 2818

Stillness Infant School N
Headteacher: Annie Grimes
www.stillness-inf.lewisham.sch.uk
Brockley Rise, SE23 1NH
020 8690 1208
admin@stillness-inf.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–7
Places available 2020–21: 90
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DfE number: 209 2571

Stillness Junior School
Headteacher: Mitzi Nichol
www.stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk
Brockley Rise, SE23 1NH
020 8690 1416
admin@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk

Age range: 7–11 automatic transfer from Stillness Infant School for Year 2 children
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DfE number: 209 2570

Tidemill Academy N
Headteacher: Lorraine Stewart
www.tidemill.net
Giffin Street, SE8 4RJ
020 8692 3470
admin@tidemillacademy.org
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 60
(including admission to the speech, language and communication resource base)
Admissions criteria: see school's website
DfE number: 209 2599

Torridon Primary School N
Headteacher: Amanda (Manda) George-Argyriou
www.torridoninfantschool.com
Hazlebank Road, SE6 1TG
0208 697 2762
admin@torridoninfants.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 90
(including admission to autistic unit resource base)
Admissions criteria: see policy for community schools on page 4
DfE number: 209 2606

Trinity Lewisham CE School
Headteacher: Darren Janes
www.trinitylewisham.org
Pascoe Road, SE13 5HZ
020 8852 3191
Age range: 5–16
Places available 2020–21: 60
Admissions criteria: see school's website
DfE number: 209 4636
* you need to submit a supplementary information form if applying for a faith place

Turnham Primary School N
Executive Headteacher: John Halliwell
Head of School: Davina Belcher
www.turnham.lewisham.sch.uk
www.turnhamacademy.org
Turnham Road, SE4 2HH
020 7639 0440
office@turnham.lewisham.sch.uk
Age range: 3–11
Places available 2020–21: 90
Admissions criteria: see school's website
DfE number: 209 5200
Useful contacts

Lewisham School Admissions Team
020 8314 8282
Tuesday–Thursday 9am–1pm

School Benefits Team (free school meals)
020 8314 6221

Attendance and Welfare Service
020 8314 6272

Children with Complex Needs
Kaleidoscope, Rushey Green Catford SE6 4JD
020 7138 1100

Advisory Centre for Education (ACE)
020 8888 3377
www.ace-ed.org.uk

Department for Education
www.gov.uk/education
for advice for parents on matters relating to schools
0370 000 2288

Southwark Diocesan Board of Education
(Church of England)
020 7234 9200
www.southwark.anglican.org/education

Education Commission, Catholic Diocese
of Southwark
01689 829331
www.educationcommission.org.uk

Independent Schools Council Helpline
020 7766 7070

Local Government Ombudsman
0300 061 0614
www.lgo.org.uk

Office of the Schools Adjudicator
Mowden Hall, Staindrop Road, Darlington DL3 9BG
01325 735303

Schools in other boroughs
If you live in the borough and want to apply for schools in other areas you must apply online at www.eadmissions.org. We will coordinate your application. You can get information about schools in neighbouring boroughs from the relevant local council.

Bexley School Admissions
020 8303 7777
www.bexley.gov.uk

Bromley School Admissions
020 8313 4044
www.bromley.gov.uk

Croydon School Admissions
020 8726 6400
www.croydon.gov.uk

Greenwich School Admissions
020 8921 8043
www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Lambeth School Admissions
020 7926 9503
www.lambeth.gov.uk

Southwark School Admissions
020 7525 5337
www.southwark.gov.uk

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