

Ref: **Primary Reception 2025/2026 (Letter 1)**
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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: **STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL 2025/26**
(Children born between **1 September 2020** and **31 August 2021**)

You can [apply now for a primary school place](#) for your child who is due to start reception class in **September 2025**. The deadline for applying is **15 January 2025**.

YOU MUST APPLY EVEN IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDS THE NURSERY OF YOUR PREFERRED SCHOOL OR ALREADY HAS AN OLDER SIBLING AT THE SCHOOL.


THERE IS NO AUTOMATIC ENTRY FROM NURSERY TO RECEPTION.

What to do:

- 1. Visit our webpage:** [Apply for a primary school place](#).
- 2. Read our Primary School Admissions guide:** You will find the brochure in the 'Useful documents' section on the '[Apply for a primary school place](#)' webpage. The brochure includes lots of useful information to help you make an informed choice about which schools to apply for.
- 3. Attend Open Days and Tours:** We strongly advise you to visit a range of schools to get a feel of what would suit your child best. Visiting dates and links to school websites are included in each school's fact-file.
- 4. Consider the admission criteria:** The admission criteria are the rules used for allocating school places. For example, the **sibling criterion** allows children with a sibling at an Islington community school to be offered places before other children who live near the school. Check the **Table of School Places** in our Primary School Admissions brochure to find out how many children were admitted under each admission criterion – this can help you decide whether to apply for that school.
- 5. Check the 'cut-off' distance:** The 'cut-off' distance is the home to school measurement of the **last pupil** admitted under the **distance criterion**. The 'cut-off' distance is only a guide as it changes every year depending on how many applications the school receives. So, even if you live within last year's 'cut-off' distance, there is no guarantee your child will qualify for a place this year.
- 6. Use your preference order:** List your schools in the order you most prefer. If your child qualifies for a place at more than one school, we will offer the highest preference possible.

7. **Apply online:** It's easy, secure, and green! You can also make changes right up until midnight on 15 January 2025. If you need help with applying online, please call our friendly School Admissions team on 020 7527 5515.
8. **Apply on time:** You must apply for a school place by **15 January 2025**. This is really important as late applications will not be processed until after National Primary Offer Day (16 April 2025). **Missing the deadline could seriously affect your chance of getting one of your preferred schools.**
9. **Sign up:** to our [primary school e-admissions bulletin](#) and stay in the know!
10. **Get your result:** National Primary Offer Day is **16 April 2025**.
11. **Ask for help:** A list of community organisations that may be able to offer support and advice is included overleaf. Alternatively, contact our friendly School Admissions team who will be pleased to advise (T. 020 7527 5515 or E. admissions@islington.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely



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Islington Council

Local Community Groups		
Community Group	Address	Tel Number
"Arachne" Greek-Cypriot Women's Group (Greek)	13/15 Hercules Street Islington N7 6AT	020 7263 6261
Carila Latin American Welfare Group	Manor Gardens Centre 3, 6-9 Manor Gardens, Islington N7 6LA	020 7561 1931
Community Language Support Services (CLSS)	St Mellitus Church The Presbytery, Tollington Park Islington N4 3AG	020 7281 3228
Indo Pakistan Cultural Centre (Bengali/Hindi/Urdu/Punjabi/Arabic/ Gujarati)	16-18 Hornsey Road Islington N7 7BP	020 7609 4649
Islington African project (African Languages)	7 Elthorne Road Islington N19 4AJ	020 7272 8961
Islington Bangladesh Association (Bengali)	71 Caledonian Road Islington N1 9BT	020 7833 2608
Islington Chinese Association (Chinese)	21 Hatchard Road Islington N19 4NG	020 7263 5986
Islington Law Centre	38 Devonia Road The Angel Islington N1 8JH	020 7288 7630
Islington SEND Community Support Service	Lough Road Centre, 61-71 Lough Road Islington N7 8FF	020 3031 6651
Islington Somali Community	225-229 Seven Sisters Road Islington N4 2DA	020 7272 0550
Turkish Cypriot Community Association	628 – 630 Green Lanes Haringey N8 0SD	020 8826 1081

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