

Year 6 to Year 7

**Applying for a Secondary
School**

Key Dates

Children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 will transfer to secondary school in September 2027. You can apply for schools in any area, but if you live in Royal Greenwich you need to make your application through Greenwich eadmissions. If you live in another borough, you need to make your application through your home authority even if you would like to apply for a place in a Royal Greenwich school.

Stage of Process	Date
Application Period Starts	1 September 2026
Closing date for applications	31 October 2026
Outcome of applications	1 March 2027 (email around 5pm or by logging into your eadmissions account)
Deadline for accepting the offer	15 March 2027
Deadline for submitting appeal Appeal Hearings	29 March 2027 May and June 2027
Induction day at secondary school	7 July 2027

Before you Apply

- Read the secondary school's admissions booklet on the Greenwich admissions website.
- You can apply for up to six secondary schools, listing them in order of preference.
- Consider each school's admissions policies and previous years' application rates to see whether your child is likely to be offered a place.
- Your preference schools can be in Royal Greenwich or in other areas, but they can't be independent (fee paying) schools.
- You don't have to list six schools, but the more schools you list, the better your chances of being offered a place at one of them.

Grammar schools

Results: 11+ (around mid October 26)

- wait until you get the results before making your choices.

Plumstead Manor School

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plumsteadmanor.com

Headteacher: Douglas Greig

Age range: 11-18

Places available: 240



Plumstead Manor is a thriving, mixed community school committed to offering a world-class education at the heart of our community. Our core values of pride, ambition, respect and team allow us to release the full potential of every young person to go beyond what they ever thought possible, educating confident and successful young people who will change the world for the better.

Throughout the school we have the highest expectations for academic scholarship, outstanding behaviour and personal development which empower our students to thrive and flourish in their future lives. High quality teaching, following a broad and balanced curriculum in a safe and friendly environment provide the foundation for every young person to experience the joy of learning every day. We expect our young people to work hard, to show good manners, make lasting contributions to their school and wider community and celebrate the many differences that make up our whole in pursuit of excellence.

We are a diverse and inclusive community of around 1500 students and are regularly over-subscribed. We recommend you find out more about what we have to offer by coming to see us at one of our many open events.

Applications to Plumstead Manor School for entry 2026



	Total
Places available	240
Last offer on distance (km)	7.08

Type of school

- ✓ Mixed
- ✓ All ability
- ✓ Community



Open events

Please check the school's website for details.



Bus routes

51, 53, 291, 672

Physical accessibility

Partial physical access



Partial access to most of the site. The school premises incorporate a number of buildings with restricted circulation spaces in some areas. Lift access in most buildings provides level deck access to much of the accommodation. Hygiene suite facilities on site.

Admissions arrangements

First priority will go to children with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan naming the school. Remaining places will be given in the following priority order:

1. Looked after and previously looked after children, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children or their immediate family member with a chronic medical condition or social care need for a place at the school.
3. Children who have a sibling or other child living in the same household who, in any of these cases, will be living with them at the same address at the date of their entry to the school.
4. Children of a member staff employed directly by the school (and not through an agency) for two or more years at the time at which the application to the school is made and/or children of a member of staff recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
5. Other children based on home to school distance.



Tips on using your preferences wisely

Your preferences are up to you, but do be realistic. There's no guarantee you'll be offered a place at a preference school but here are some of our recommendations:

- **don't 'waste' a preference by naming a school where your child is unlikely to be offered a place**
- **don't name a school that you'd not wish your child to attend - any preference may be offered**
- **don't list the same school more than once as duplicates will be deleted**
- **include schools nearest to your home address - otherwise, your child may end up being allocated to a school much further away.**

Choosing a school

- Open days and open evenings are available now for every school, all dates will be on the school's website.
- Go along with your child to visit all the school's you are interested in. Please let the school office know so we can mark it in the register.
- Please don't listen to hearsay. Make your own judgment. A school that isn't right for one child is right for another.
- Be aware of the admission criteria for that school.
- Distance of school to home and how will your child get there?

Admissions Criteria

The admissions criteria provides the priority order against which applications are considered.

The most common admission criteria is below:

- **Looked after and previously looked after children**
- **Chronic or acute or social care need (must provide evidence)**
- **Sibling (full/half/step/adopted foster) - Living at the same address. Not cousins)**
- **Children of Staff (some schools check website)**
- **Distance (in a straight line from the home address to the school site)**

We recommend the you look at the admissions booklet or go the school's website for full details of their criteria.

Admissions Booklet Information

Distance to school

Applications to Thomas Tallis School for entry 2026



	Total
Places available	270
Last offer on distance (km)	1.80

Type of school

- ✓ Mixed
- ✓ All ability
- ✓ Community



Open events

Please check the school's website for details.



Bus routes

B16, 89, 122, 178, 286, 321

Applications to Royal Greenwich Trust School for entry 2026



	Total
Places available	180
Last offer on distance (km)	7.94

Type of school

- ✓ Mixed
- ✓ All ability
- ✓ Academy



Open events

Please check the school's website for details.



Bus routes

161, 177, 180, SL11

Supplementary Information

If you are applying for a place as a faith entrant at a church school, you will need to complete a supplementary information form that is verified and countersigned by your parish priest or faith leader in addition to the application form. This applies to:

- **St Mary Magdalene CE School**
- **St Paul's Academy**
- **St Thomas More Catholic Comprehensive School**
- **St Ursula's Convent School**

Each school that you apply to as a faith entrant will require a completed supplementary information form. This is in addition to the common application form that needs to be submitted to the local authority.

Details of faith based criteria and each school's supplementary information form can be obtained directly from the school. Links to the schools' websites are available at royalgreenwich.gov.uk. The supplementary information form must be returned to the school by 31st October 2026.

Testing and Banding Assessments

The following schools use a banding system based on the results of a general ability assessment:

Leigh Halley Academy

Leigh Academy Blackheath

Leigh Stationers' Academy

These schools will divide their total number of Year 7 places into bands with the aim of providing a balanced intake of children of differing abilities

Your child will be placed in one of a number of bands depending on their score in the test.

It is not possible to 'pass' or 'fail' the test, and the band a child is placed in will not guarantee an offer of a place at a preferred school. You will not be told the results.

You will need to complete a form (online) to register your child for the assessment and return it to the school by 31 October 26.

If your child does not take the banding assessment they will not be offered a place on these schools.

Harris Academy Greenwich

All parents who name Harris Academy Greenwich on their application form will automatically be invited to sit the admissions test after 31st October 2026.

If your child does not take the banding assessment they will be considered for a place after all those applicants who have taken the test.

Please contact the school directly to obtain further details, including testing arrangements.

Applications to Leigh Academy Blackheath for entry 2026



Band	1	2	3	4	5	Untested	Total
Places available	36	36	36	36	36	-	180
Last offer on distance (km)	1.25	0.87	0.87	0.94	0.59	-	-

How to Apply

Make you application at: eadamissions.org.uk

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In your area.



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Important information

From the 1st September 2022 you can apply for a school place for September 2023. You can apply for a place in:

- A Primary school (Reception)
- A Junior school (Year 3)
- A Secondary school (Year 7)
- A University Technical College (Year 10)

. In some areas you can apply for a place in:

- A Nursery class or school (Age 3+)

If you require a school place for your child now (In Year) please contact your home Local Authority.

- If you applied online for a Reception place in primary school you should already have an account. If you don't remember your log in details then you can do a forgot details to reset them.
- Easy to use and quick to apply
- You can make changes to your application up to the deadline but you must remember to submit each time
- Please complete all fields
- Do not forget to put in sibling details

Late Applications

Deadline Date: 31 October 2026

If you miss the closing date for application, you must still apply. You are less likely to get a place at one of your preferred school if you apply late.

If we receive your late application by 7 December 2026, we'll assess whether there's good cause for the delay. If there is, we'll treat it in the same way as applications received by the closing date. If we assess that there's no good cause for the delay, we'll process it from April 2027.

In your application, state the reasons why it's late and provide evidence where possible. You'll need to demonstrate that family or other circumstances made it impossible for you to apply by the closing date.

Examples of good cause include when a:

- single parent or carer has been ill for some time
- single parent or carer has been dealing with the death of a close relative

Late applications received after 7 December 2026 We'll consider all late applications received after 7 December 2026, from April 2027 onwards.

Appeals

You have the right to appeal against a decision not to offer your child a place at any secondary school you listed as a preference.

If you wish to appeal against a decision not to offer your child a place at a community school, you need to complete the appeal form stating your reasons for appealing against the decision.

To appeal online and obtain guidance go to: royalgreenwich.gov.uk/admissions

If your child has not been offered a place at an academy or voluntary aided school, you will need to complete an appeal form provided by that school

All appeals are heard by an independent appeal panel in accordance with the Schools Standards & Framework Act 1998.

The deadline for submitting an appeal form is 29 March 2027, so that hearings can take place in May and June 2025. If you submit an appeal form after this date, it is possible that your appeal will not be heard before your child is due to start school in September.

Out of 53 appeals for community secondary schools for entry in September 2026, only two was upheld

Families Information Service

The Families Information Service offers support to parents and carers who may need help with the school admissions process.

The service is available to everyone and provides:

- a wide range of information on local primary schools
- support in making informed and realistic preferences
- help in completing the relevant forms
- information about the appeals process.

If you have questions about which schools will best meet your child's academic and developmental needs, or you require support in making your application, please contact the Families Information Service on **020 8921 6921** or email fis@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Admissions Service

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