

The Choice Advice Service

Help for parents of year 6 pupils
going through secondary transfer



Choosing which secondary school you would prefer your child to attend is a very important decision, and can be confusing.



If your child is in year 6 you will have received information from Barnet Council's admission team about transferring to secondary school. There is a lot to think about, decisions to make and forms to fill in.

The choice advisor can help you understand the system. They can offer you free and impartial advice and support, but cannot guarantee you a place at your preferred school.

Is the service available to everyone?

The choice advisor can offer assistance to those making realistic and informed choices about the secondary transfer process. Examples of people who may find this service useful:

- where English is not your first language or you need assistance in completing forms
- you have recently moved into the London Borough of Barnet
- you are unsure or confused by the school transfer system and need some guidance
- any parents of year 6 pupils (except for those with a statement of special educational needs – please contact Parent Partnership Barnet for further information, details below) and;
- those who have realistic grounds to appeal for the school they have chosen.

What does the service offer?

The Choice Advisor can provide:

- advice, information and support on all aspects of the secondary school admissions and transfer process
- individual support and guidance
- help to complete the relevant forms
- a wide range of information on local secondary schools
- support to parents and carers in making informed and realistic decisions
- information about admissions appeals.

Useful tips

Do:

- start thinking which schools are realistic options for your child
- talk to your child about their feelings and thoughts
- attend school open evenings
- look through each school's prospectus
- look at the admissions policies for each school and see if they relate to your child. Are you within the geographical area? Ask if you are unsure.

Don't:

- leave looking for a school to the last minute
- worry about filling in the preference form, ask the Choice Advisor for help
- miss the closing date of the preference form.

What is Parent Partnership Barnet?

Parent Partnership Barnet is a confidential and impartial service for all parents and carers of children with special educational needs. They provide information and support on a range of education issues. At secondary transfer Parent Partnership Barnet gives particular help and information to the parents and carers of a child with a statement of special educational needs.

For more information contact the Choice Advisor

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