

Thurrock Council

Primary School Admissions

Information Brochure

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Foreword

Starting primary school is a very important time in a child's life and here in Thurrock Council we appreciate what a worrying time this is for parents. We are determined to make this as straightforward and worry free as we can. The information that follows is designed to help you make informed decisions when you come to make an application for a primary school place.

Our online application facility has proved to be very popular and almost 9 out of 10 applications are now made this way. The advantages are that it is immediate, you will get automatic confirmation your application has been received and it will remove any risk of an application being delayed or lost in the post.

Apply online and – from **12:00 am on 16 April 2027** – you will be able to check online which school place has been allocated. This is nearly 2 days earlier than offers in response to paper applications are likely to arrive.

Thurrock has a wide range of primary schools and each is unique just as individual children are different. It is important that you consider all aspects of school life which are important to you and your child, and that you also consider how likely it is that your child will be offered a place at one of your preferred schools.

Many primary schools are very popular, with a large number of applications each year. Each school has a set number of places and oversubscription or admissions criteria are used to decide who will be offered places. Whatever your school preferences, I hope you find the process of getting there as smooth as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish your child an enjoyable and fruitful time at primary school and every success for the future.

Please go online at thurrock.gov.uk/admissions and follow the instructions on screen.

Sheila Murphy
Executive Director of Children's Services

Applying for admission to a primary school

If you have a child who was born between **1 September 2022** and **31 August 2023**, you must apply for a school place for **September 2027**. Even if you do not want your child to start full time schooling until reaching statutory school age in the term following their fifth birthday you should apply now and defer admission.

Alternatively, if your child was born between **1 September 2019** and **31 August 2020** and is starting Year 2 at an infant school in **September 2026**, you must apply for a school place at a junior school for **September 2027** (infant to junior transfer) if your child is currently attending an infant school outside Thurrock.

When to apply

You can apply from **2 November 2026** and must get your application to us by **15 January 2027**. You must get your application to us on time to maximise your chances of being offered one of your preferred schools.

If you miss the closing date

Applications received after the closing date will be considered after those that are received on time and after the first round of offers have been made.

How to apply

The easiest way to apply is online – go to thurrock.gov.uk/admissions and follow the instructions on screen to make your application. If you do not have internet access at home, you can still apply online at your local library.

Your login account for this service is separate to the login accounts you may use for other Thurrock Council services, such as council tax, benefits or housing.

Once you create or log into your account, you will be able to complete an application, review, amend and submit it online. You will receive an automatic confirmation that your application has been received.

Once you have submitted your application online, you can still edit your application in the online account until the closing date for applications. Please make sure you re-submit the application once you have made the changes. Applications must be re-submitted by the closing date to be considered as on-time.

If you change your email address, you must notify our School Admissions team via the email address above. Please include your child's name and date of birth within the email.

Schools you should apply for

In Thurrock, different types of school have different types of admission arrangements. Types of schools are:

- academies, including free schools – the academy trust is the admission authority

- voluntary-aided or foundation schools – the school's governing body determines the admissions arrangements

The law gives you the right to state a preference for the school that you want your child to attend rather than to be given your choice. This is because there will be times when there are more applications than places. When this happens, oversubscription criteria (often called admission criteria) are used to determine priority for admission.

Many schools are oversubscribed, so it's important that you consider as many schools as possible when thinking about which schools to apply for.

Our advice is that you should not base your decisions solely on reputation or what other people say about a school or schools. We recommend that you make up your own mind.

Schools are usually happy to welcome visitors by arrangement – they will show you around and answer questions.

When thinking about which schools to apply for, it's very important that you take into account each school's oversubscription criteria. These describe how offers of places are determined, and who gets priority when a school is oversubscribed.

The number of preferences that you can make on your application is limited, and we recommend that you include in your list of preferences schools for which you are most likely to be successful.

You should also try to join us at one of our online briefing sessions. These can help you through the application process. They will include opportunities for you to ask our admissions staff about how the process works.

Dates and times of briefing sessions in **2026**:

- **Tuesday 3 November 2026, 1 pm to 2 pm**
- **Tuesday 3 November 2026, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

We publish how to take part, in advance, at www.thurrock.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions

If you have a specific query regarding your application for primary school, you can contact our School Admissions team:

- phone – 01375 652 652
- email – school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk

How to complete your application

We recommend you apply online at thurrock.gov.uk/admissions

Each local authority has its own application form, whether it is electronic or a paper copy. **You must complete the application for the local authority area in which you live, regardless of which schools you are applying for.**

If you are a Thurrock resident and want to apply for schools outside Thurrock, you must do so on the Thurrock application.

It is important that the application is completed fully and accurately. Your application may be adversely affected if there are omissions or inaccuracies.

Child's address

We normally process applications on the basis of the child's home address at the time of application and offer.

The home address is the address where the child is a permanent resident, or where the child is ordinarily resident. This is usually the address of the parent, or carer with parental responsibility. The adult with whom the child is ordinarily resident would receive Child Benefit for the child.

If the parents do not live together, it should be the address of the parent with whom the child spends the majority of their time and who receives Child Benefit for the child, if this is paid.

You will be required to provide proof of address, including your council tax reference number, which can be cross-referenced with the address you give.

If you move home after completing the application or change your email address, you must inform us so that correspondence continues to reach you. A change of address may affect your offer of a place at the school of your choice.

To begin, applications will only be discussed with the person or people named on the application.

Parent or carer details

The person applying on behalf of the child will normally be the person with parental responsibility for the child as defined by the Children Act 1989 and amended by the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

Shared parental responsibility

Where more than one adult shares parental responsibility and those adults live at different addresses, it is important to agree – **prior to making the application** – which schools to apply for.

Please make sure **only one application** is submitted by **15 January 2027**. If multiple applications are received at any stage for the same child you risk your child being without a school place – we will consider only the most recent application received before the closing date.

If different applications are received, or we are made aware of a dispute between two parents, these applications will be placed on hold and will not be processed until such time that, either:

- written agreement is provided from both parents stating which application to take forward
- a court order is obtained confirming which parent's application carries precedence, or the court decides which parent can make decisions about school preferences

Failure to reach an agreement about which application to take forward can affect whether or not your child is considered for a place at the schools you want, especially if they are not in Thurrock.

Children in public care

Children in public care and all children previously looked-after will automatically be given first priority over other categories, where priority is claimed on the application and validated by the relevant local authority.

Looked after and previously looked after children will be considered to be:

- children who are registered as being in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by a local authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989(a) – for example, fostered or living in a children's home – at the time an application for a school is made
- children who have previously been in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by a local authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989(a) and who have left that care through adoption, a child arrangements order (in accordance with Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 and as amended by the Children and Families Act 2014) or special guardianship order (in accordance with Section 14A of the Children Act 1989)
- previously looked after children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted

Applications under this criterion can only be considered if the following supporting documents are submitted with your application:

- a copy of the adoption order, residence order or special guardianship order
- a letter from the local authority that states the child was looked after immediately prior to the order being made

Admission authorities should request advice from Thurrock Council's Virtual School Head if they are in any doubt about the acceptability of evidence provided by the parent of an internationally-adopted previously looked after child.

Siblings

For most schools in Thurrock that give priority to siblings, a sibling is defined as either:

- brother or sister
- half-brother or half-sister
- adopted brother or adopted sister
- step-brother or step-sister

- a child of the parent or carer's partner who is living as part of the same family unit at the same address, or long-term foster siblings living at the same address, Monday to Friday, at the date of application and admission

The definition might be different in the case of some schools, however.

If your child will have a sibling at one of your preferred schools in **September 2027**, it is important that you include the sibling's details on the application. This will make sure the correct level of sibling priority is given, where applicable. You should not name any child who is not a sibling, nor any child who attends a different school to the school named as a preference.

Your preferred schools

You are invited to name up to four preferences. You must name the schools in the order that you prefer them, with your most preferred school named first. All preferences are given equal weight and schools will not know your order of preference on your application.

You do not gain any advantage if you only name one or two preferences, or if you name the same school more than once.

Whilst the local authority has a responsibility to make a place available for your child, it does not necessarily have to be at one of your named preferences, nor at your nearest school.

If you meet the oversubscription criteria for more than one school you will be offered the one that is higher on your list of preferences.

Reason for preference

There is space on the application for you to give a reason for naming a school as a preference and this will be shared with the relevant school(s). Whilst admission authorities will take this into consideration, this alone would not normally give priority for a place.

If you wish to apply under any school's special criterion, you **must** make sure you comply with the school's requirements for supporting evidence.

Submitting your application

You must not submit more than one application – if you apply online, do not send a paper form.

Supporting evidence

You should make sure you comply with schools' requirements for supporting evidence and supplementary forms. Failure to do so may adversely affect your application.

If you apply online and want to submit supporting evidence, you can submit this within your application online by using the upload document function. If you wish to email any supporting evidence, you must send copies no later than **15 January 2027** to our School Admissions team at school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk

Supplementary forms must be returned direct to the school by **15 January 2027**.

Children with an education, health and care (EHC) plan

All children with an education, health and care (EHC) plan that names a particular school in the plan must be admitted to that school.

If your child has an EHC plan, you do not need to apply via School Admissions; you must liaise with the SEN team directly.

Equality Act 2010

An admission authority must ensure that their admission arrangements do not discriminate on the grounds of disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation, against a person in the arrangements and decisions it makes as to who is offered admission as a pupil.

How we will use your information

We will use your information to provide the service requested. We may share your personal data between our services and with partner organisations, such as government bodies and the police. We will do so when it is of benefit to you, or required by law, or to prevent or detect fraud. To find out more, go to thurrock.gov.uk/privacy.

Get free internet access at libraries or community hubs.

Fraud

Where evidence suggests that a fraudulent attempt has been made to secure a school place, there will be an investigation. The local authority, as co-ordinating body, reserves the right to seek evidence from parents, council records, primary schools or any other source deemed appropriate.

Any application found to have been made using false information may be withdrawn by the relevant admission authority and may be subject to legal proceedings.

If an application is found to be fraudulent after places are offered, the place offered may be withdrawn, in which case a new application will have to be made at a time when availability of places is likely to be extremely limited.

Appeals

All admission appeals must be heard by an independent appeal panel in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Appeals for foundation schools, voluntary-aided schools, academies and free schools are the responsibility of the governing body or academy trust.

If you are refused admission to a school, you will receive further information about how to appeal. **You can only appeal for a school for which you have made an application and been refused.**

For applications made in the normal admissions round, the deadlines for hearing appeals are within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals.

For late applications, the deadlines for hearing appeals is within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals or within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged.

Oversubscription criteria – foundation schools, voluntary-aided schools and academies, including free schools

The admission authority for a foundation school or a voluntary-aided school is the governing body and for an academy or free school it is the academy trust.

Details of these schools' oversubscription criteria are available from the schools and their associated websites, given in the list of primary schools table further in this brochure.

Frequently asked questions

How are places allocated?

Places are offered strictly according to the priority given to each application by the oversubscription criteria in schools' own information, where Thurrock Council is not the admission authority.

Schools that are their own admission authority have access to lists of applicants ranked by Thurrock Council as co-ordinating body. These lists are ranked using the schools' published oversubscription criteria but the final decision on each application is with the school, not the council.

When will I hear?

As an online applicant you will receive confirmation that your application has been submitted.

As an online applicant you can log in to your account any time from **12:00am on 16 April 2027** to view your offer.

If you apply on paper, your offer letter will be posted second class on **16 April 2027**.

Do I automatically get offered a place at my nearest school?

No. Different schools offer to different distances in different years. This variation is due to the pattern and number of applications from year to year.

It means that some people will live outside the catchment for their nearest school and their most realistic options will be further away. Parents are advised to apply for schools other than just the one nearest to them.

Will my child go on a waiting list?

If you are offered a place that's not your first preference, or if no offer is made, your child will automatically be placed on the waiting list for higher preference schools, where eligible.

Waiting lists are drawn up by using the oversubscription criteria to rank applications. Priority cannot be given to children based on the date their application was received or when their name was added to the list.

If you are not offered a place and you also wish your child's name to go on the waiting list for a school that you did not originally apply for, you should contact our admissions service. If you were not offered a place at an out-of-borough school and you wish to go on the waiting list you will need to contact the relevant local authority to find out how to put your child's name on the list.

Can I apply for schools outside Thurrock?

Yes. You need to include any school outside Thurrock that you wish to apply for on your application.

We will arrange for your details to be passed on so that your application can be considered. You will need to ensure that you also complete any supplementary forms required by schools and return them directly to the school by the closing date of **15 January 2027**.

Will my application be treated differently if I apply online?

No. Applications submitted online will be treated in exactly the same way as paper applications but will receive notification of their offer earlier – see 'When will I hear?' above.

Will I get offered a school of my choice?

The law gives you the right to state a preference for the school or schools that you want your child to attend rather than a right to have your choice. This is because there will be times when there are more applicants than places and not all preferences can be met.

Are my preferences confidential?

Yes. Your preferences are confidential and will not be shared with schools before admission decisions are made. We will normally share details of any out-of-borough preferences with the relevant local authority, however.

If you appeal against refusal of admission to a school, your application – and therefore your preferences – will normally be made available to the independent appeals panel that hears your case.

We live in Thurrock and pay our council tax to Thurrock – do we have the right to have a place at a Thurrock school?

A local authority has a responsibility to provide school places for children residing in its area but may do so outside its area.

Can we stop giving places in Thurrock to children not resident in Thurrock?

No. There is a legal ruling – known as the Greenwich Judgement – that effectively states a local authority cannot give priority for school places in its area to children living within its boundaries.

My next door neighbour got a place at the school last year – will I?

Not necessarily. The distance out to which schools allocate places each year varies according to the volume and spread of applications.

Will a child who lives further away from the school be given a place ahead of me?

This can happen. A child may be offered a place on a higher criterion giving him or her priority, such as an older brother or sister at the school.

What should I do if I feel my child must go to a school because of special reasons?

The first thing to do is check whether the school's admission criteria include a special reasons category. If they do, you must make sure you comply with any requirements for supplying supporting evidence.

The admission authority will make an informed decision as to whether the school you want is the only one that your child can attend for the reasons given. It may seek further professional advice on the evidence you provide in support of your application. You will need to submit these reasons together with the supporting evidence at the time of application for them to be considered.

Are places reserved for children moving into the area?

No. It is unlawful to reserve places for children moving in. Additionally, we would be unable to predict the number needed and it would be unfair to parents who are already living in the area.

What if my child is from overseas?

All children of compulsory school age – 5 to 16 years-old – in the UK have a right of access to education. Where the child is in the UK for a short period only, however, it may be reasonable to refuse admission to a school.

Children who hold full British Citizen passports – not British Dependent Territories or British Overseas passports – and have a passport endorsed to show a right of abode in the UK, normally have unrestricted entry to the UK.

An application for a school place will be accepted for such children even though they may not be resident in the UK at the time of application. The application may be processed, however, based on the overseas address. We will normally only accept a Thurrock address for admissions purposes during the initial round of allocations if you are physically resident at this address by the closing date of **15 January 2027**.

Sometimes it is possible to consider applications exceptionally, based on the Thurrock address, where we are satisfied that the address given is the family's permanent address, and there is evidence of a firm date that the family will return to live at this address. Parents and carers may be required to provide proof that establishes their 'home' address, and evidence to show they intend to return or move to the area. This might include:

- an exchange of contracts confirmation or rental agreement for a property in Thurrock
- deeds for a property in Thurrock
- a letter from an employer showing a transfer date to the area

Other children from overseas do not generally have automatic right of entry to the UK. An application for a school place will not therefore be accepted until they are resident in the UK. Proof of entry to the UK will be required before an application is processed.

How many places are reserved for successful appeals?

None. An independent appeal panel is empowered to direct the admission authority to make an additional place available for a successful appellant.

What happens if I am not offered one of my preferences?

If you are not offered any of your preferences, you will be offered a place at the next nearest school with spaces (measured by shortest walking route from your home address) with a place available after all allocations have been made to parents who applied on-time.

What if I am offered a place that I do not want?

You have the right to reject any place offered. If you reject an offer, however, it will then become your responsibility to secure a place at an alternative school.

Our advice is that you should accept an offer you receive until such time as you get a preferred alternative. At that time you can then reject the earlier offer. Accepting an offer does not prejudice your waiting list position or appeals for any higher preference schools.

If I accept a place at a school that was not one of my preferences, will it affect my waiting list positions for other schools or any appeal I make?

No. Accepting an alternative place does not prejudice your child's position on a waiting list for a higher preference school or any appeals you might make. Any preference that is ranked lower on your application, however, will be withdrawn as part of the coordinated process.

What about transport to and from school?

As a parent, you may express a preference for the school you wish your child to attend. When making your application, however, you must always consider how your child will get to school.

We encourage children to attend a local school that's suitable for their needs, and that they can get to by walking, cycling or – if necessary – public transport. This has many benefits for children, such as helping them make friends and feeling part of the community.

Full information and advice about travel and transport can be found in our Home to School Travel and Transport Policy at www.thurrock.gov.uk/home-to-school-or-college-travel-support/policies-and-useful-information

We advise all parents and carers to read this policy carefully before making their final choices.

In some cases, we are required by law to make home to school transport arrangements free of charge for children whom the law considers "eligible".

Please refer to the Home to School Transport Policy to confirm if your child is eligible for support.

It is important to note that some schools operate a catchment area for admissions. Also, some schools have 'feeder schools' – for example, a primary school where the students will have priority for a particular secondary school. Whilst your child may attend a 'feeder school' or live in a catchment area, this is not relevant to eligibility for free travel arrangements.

Once you have been allocated your school place on **16 April 2027** you must apply for transport before **31 May 2027** if you think you are eligible for transport.

For further information please refer to Children's Transport Team.

- web – www.thurrock.gov.uk/hometoschool
- phone – 01375 652 652
- email – htstapplications@thurrock.gov.uk

Starting school

Primary schools in Thurrock have a single intake into reception. All children whose date of birth falls between **1 September 2022** and **31 August 2023** will be eligible to apply for a full-time place in reception at a Thurrock school from **September 2027**.

Local authorities and schools must provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday. A child does not have to attend school, however, until he/she reaches 'statutory school age' – that is, until the beginning of the term after they turn 5 years-old.

Deferred entry to later in the school year

If you feel your child is not ready to start school in the September after they turn 4 years-old, you can either:

- request that your child attends part-time until they reach statutory school age
- request that the date your child is admitted to school be deferred until later in the same academic year, but not beyond the start of the summer term of the academic year for which a place has been offered

If you are considering deferred entry or part-time attendance, we recommend you discuss this with the school before making a formal request.

You must still apply at the normal time even if you wish to defer entry. If you decide you do wish to defer entry until later in the school year, you should contact the school after you have been offered a place.

Delayed entry for summer-born children

If your child was born between 1 April and 31 August – a 'summer-born child' – you can apply to delay their start to primary school until the following September. This would usually apply where there are significant reasons that would benefit the child's academic, social and emotional development by starting reception a year later.

If you are considering delaying your child's entry to reception to the following September, we recommend you discuss this with your preferred schools before making a formal request. The school may wish to discuss how your child's needs could be met within their actual age group and the impact of being educated with children of a different age group.

To make a request following this discussion, you should apply for a school place in your child's actual age group by the closing date of **15 January 2027**. You should also send an email to school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk, letting us know the schools to which you would like to request

delayed admission. We will contact the admissions authority for each of your preferred schools and will write to you with the decision from each admissions authority.

If the admissions authorities of your preferred schools agree and you wish to proceed with your request, your current application will be withdrawn and you will need to reapply for a reception place in the following year.

There is no guarantee there will be a place available at the school in the following year because this will depend upon the number of applications received and the pattern of admissions in that year.

If your preferred schools are oversubscribed, your application will be considered in accordance with the schools' admissions criteria.

It is not possible to reserve a place for the following year.

If you wish for your child to continue at his/her current nursery you should also let them know. Failure to do so may mean that nursery place is offered to another child for September.

Admission of children outside of their chronological year group

Applicants applying for their child to start earlier than other children in their chronological age group must initially apply for a school place at the same time that other families are applying for that cohort. If the head teacher agrees that the child may begin school early, the application will be processed. If it is not agreed, the application will be withdrawn by the admission authority and the applicant will be invited to apply again in the following year.

Applicants must state clearly why they feel admission to a different year group is in the child's best interest and provide what evidence they have to support this.

List of primary schools in Thurrock

School	Head teacher / Principal	Address and website	Phone	Type of School	Age range	Published admission number (PAN)
Abbots Hall Primary Academy	Mr Jack Arnold	Abbots Drive, Stanford-le-Hope, SS17 7BW www.abbots-hall.co.uk	01375 673 188	Academy	4 -11 2 – 4 nursery	60
Arthur Bugler Primary School	Miss Lisa Glandfield (Executive Headteacher)	St James Avenue East, Stanford-le-Hope, SS17 7BQ www.arthur-bugler.osborne.coop	01375 677 079	Academy	4 -11	60
Aveley Primary School	Mrs Sinead Viner	Stifford Road, Aveley, RM15 4AA www.aveleyprimary.org.uk	01708 847 777	Academy	3 -11	60
Belmont Castle Academy	Holly Pottle	Parker Road, Grays, RM17 5YN www.belmontcastleacademy.org	01375 373 601	Academy	3 -11	90
Benyon Primary School	Mrs Samantha Oxley	Tyssen Place, West Road, South Ockendon, RM15 6PG www.benyonprimaryschool.org.uk	01708 853 200	Academy	4 -11 2 - 4 nursery	60
Bonnygate Primary School	Miss Laura Spencer	Arisdale Avenue, South Ockendon, RM15 5BA www.bonnygateprimary.co.uk	01708 853 316	Academy	3 -11	60
Bulphan Church of England Primary School	Mrs Bailey (Executive Head), Mr Dickson (Head of School)	Fen Lane, Bulphan, RM14 3RL www.bulphanprimary.thurrock.sch.uk	01375 891 220	Academy	4 -11	12
Chadwell St Mary Primary School	Mr Jack Lloyd	Riverview, Chadwell St Mary, RM16 4DH www.chadwellstmary.org.uk	01375 843 280	Academy	4 -11	30

School	Head teacher / Principal	Address and website	Phone	Type of School	Age range	Published admission number (PAN)
Deneholm Primary School	Miss Roxanne Mills	Culford Road, Grays, RM16 2SS www.deneholm.org.uk	01375 373 405	Academy	4-11	60
Dilkes Academy	Mr Rhys Latham	Garron Lane, South Ockendon, RM15 5JQ www.dilkesacademy.org.uk	01708 852 128	Academy	3-11	60
East Tilbury Primary School and Nursery	Claire Dawson	Princess Margaret Road, East Tilbury, RM18 8SB www.east-tilbury.osborne.coop	01375 846 181	Academy	4-11	120
Giffards Primary School	Mrs K Allen	Queen Elizabeth Drive, Corringham, SS17 7TG www.giffardsprimary.thurrock.sch.uk	01375 672 138	Academy	4-11	60
Graham James Primary Academy	Mrs Petra Back	The Sorrells, Stanford-le-Hope, SS17 7ES www.grahamjamesacademy.co.uk	01375 675 889	Academy	4-11 (2½-4 nursery)	60
Harris Primary Academy Chafford Hundred	Lauren Arnell	Mayflower Road, Chafford Hundred, RM16 6SA www.harrisprimarychaffordhundred.org.uk	01375 484 490	Academy	3-11	90
Harris Primary Academy Mayflower	Miss Katie Hanley	Mayflower Road, Chafford Hundred, RM16 6SA www.harrisprimarymayflower.org.uk	0203 772 4588	Free School	3-11	150
Herringham Primary Academy	Mrs Sam Otto	St Mary's Road, Chadwell St Mary, RM16 4JX www.theglc-herringham.org.uk	01375 489 860	Academy	4-11	60
Holy Cross Catholic Primary School	Mrs Sandra Power	Daiglen Drive, South Ockendon, RM15 5RP www.holycrossprimary.com	01708 853 000	Academy	3-11	30

School	Head teacher / Principal	Address and website	Phone	Type of School	Age range	Published admission number (PAN)
Horndon on the Hill Church of England Primary School	Mrs D Bradley	Hillcrest Road, Horndon on the Hill, SS17 8LR https://horndon-on-the-hill.osborne.coop	01375 673 260	Academy	2-11	30
Kenningtons Primary Academy	Mrs Jo Sawtell-Haynes	Tamar Drive, Aveley, RM15 4NB www.kenningtonsprimaryacademy.co.uk	01708 865 663	Academy	3-11	60
Lansdowne Primary Academy	Mr Dan George	Lansdowne Road, Tilbury, RM18 7QB www.theglc-lansdowne.org.uk	01375 487 200	Academy	5-11	90
Little Thurrock Primary School	Mr Ian Broyd	Rectory Road, Grays, RM17 5SW www.little-thurrock.osborne.coop	01375 373 586	Academy	5-11 (3-4 nursery)	60
Orsett Church of England Primary School	Mr James Dickson	School Lane, Orsett, RM16 3JR www.orsettprimary.co.uk	01375 891 383	Academy	4-11	30
Mossbourne Herd Lane Academy	Karina Garrick	Herd Lane, Corringham, SS17 9BH www.ortucorringhamprimary.org	01375 672 157	Academy	2 -11	60
Purfleet Primary Academy	Mr Eugene Samuel	Tankhill Road, Purfleet-on-Thames, RM19 1TA www.purfleetprimary.co.uk	01375 802 700	Academy	3-11	90
Quarry Hill Academy	Mrs Samantha Wakeling (Executive Headteacher) Miss Stacie Weller (Head of School)	Bradleigh Avenue, Grays, RM17 5UT www.quarryhillacademy.org.uk	01375 373 729	Academy	3-11	60

School	Head teacher / Principal	Address and website	Phone	Type of School	Age range	Published admission number (PAN)
Shaw Primary Academy	Ms Dawn Kimpton	Avon Green, South Ockendon, RM15 5QJ www.shawprimaryacademy.co.uk	01708 852 367	Academy	4-11	60
Somers Heath Primary School	Mr Martin Curtis	Foyle Drive, South Ockendon, RM15 5LX www.somersheathprimary.org.uk	01708 853 397	Academy	3-11	60
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	Victoria McBrown	Scratton Road, Stanford-le-Hope, SS17 0PA www.stjosephscatholicprimaryschool.co.uk	01375 672 217	Academy	4-11	30
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	Victoria McBrown	Calcutta Road, Tilbury, RM18 7QH www.stmarystilbury.co.uk	01375 843 254	Academy	4-11	30
St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School	Mrs Emilie Poulteney	Ward Avenue, Grays, RM17 5RW www.stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk	01375 375 826	Academy	3-11	90
Stanford-le-Hope Primary School	Emma Coakley	Copland Road, Stanford-le-Hope, SS17 0DF www.stanford-le-hope.osborne.coop	01375 672 066	Academy	3-11	60
Stifford Clays Primary School	Jack Lloyd (Executive Headteacher)	Whitmore Avenue, Grays, RM16 2ST www.stiffordclays.org.uk	01375 373 866	Academy	2-11	60
Thameside Primary School	Miss L Davies	Manor Road, Grays, RM17 6EF www.thamesideprimaryschool.com	01375 372 188	Academy	3-11	120
The Gateway Primary Free School	Emma Pattison	Marshfoot Road, Chadwell St Mary, RM16 4LU www.theglc-primaryfreeschool.org.uk	01375 489 094	Free School	4-11	60

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Tilbury Pioneer Academy	Mrs Clare Hall	Dickens Avenue, Tilbury, RM18 8HJ www.theglc-pioneer.org.uk	01375 488 420	Academy	3-11	60
Tudor Court Primary School	Mr Philip Kyriacou	Bark Burr Road, Chafford Hundred, RM16 6PL www.tudorcourtprimary.com	01375 480 662	Academy	4-11	90
Warren Primary School	Vashti Green and Charlie Evans	Gilbert Road, Chafford Hundred, RM16 6NB www.warren.osborne.coop	01375 482 288	Academy	3-11	60
West Thurrock Academy	Mr Sam Proctor	Schoolfield Road, Grays, RM20 3HR www.westthurrockacademy.co.uk	01708 866 743	Academy	3-11	60
Woodside Academy	Ms Ryder	Grangewood Avenue, Grays, RM16 2GJ www.woodsideacademy.org	01375 372 513	Academy	4-11	90

What happened last year on National Offer Day – 16 April 2026

School	Places available	First preference applications received	Total number of places offered	Special educational need	Looked-after children	Catchment sibling	Catchment	Out of catchment sibling	Out of catchment	Sibling	Distance	Children of staff	Nursery feeder	Social / medical	Denominational	Non-denominational	EY Pupil Premium
Abbots Hall Primary Academy	60	90	60	<5	<5	9	13	23	10	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Arthur Bugler Primary School	60	65	60	6	<5	*	*	*	*	31	20	<5	*	*	*	*	*
Aveley Primary School	60	35	37	*	*	11	19	<5	<5	*	*	<5	*	*	*	*	*
Belmont Castle Academy	90	88	90	*	<5	37	38	5	8	*	*	*	*	<5	*	*	*
Benyon Primary School	60	32	41	*	*	13	21	<5	5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bonnygate Primary School	60	42	48	*	*	*	*	*	*	15	33	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bulphan Church of England Primary School	12	9	12	*	*	<5	<3	<5	6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Chadwell St Mary Primary School	30	25	28	*	*	5	7	5	11	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Deneholm Primary School	60	56	57	*	*	13	10	17	17	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Dilkes Academy	60	87	60	*	*	17	16	13	14	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
East Tilbury Primary School and Nursery	120	71	77	*	*	*	*	*	*	35	40	<5	*	*	*	*	*

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Giffards Primary School	60	62	60	*	<5	18	19	13	9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Graham James Primary Academy	60	73	60	<5	*	8	13	24	11	*	*	<5	*	*	*	*	*
Harris Primary Academy Chafford Hundred	90	96	90	<5	<5	19	18	5	15	*	*	<5	28	*	*	*	*
Harris Primary Academy Mayflower	150	153	150	<5	*	*	*	*	*	65	78	<5	5	*	*	*	*
Herringham Primary Academy	60	47	49	<5	*	*	*	*	*	22	26		*	*	*	*	*
Holy Cross Catholic Primary School	30	22	22	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12	10	*
Horndon on the Hill Church of England Primary School	30	26	30	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	21	*	*	*	*	*	*
Kenningtons Primary Academy	60	55	60	<5	*	11	20	8	19	*	*	<5	*	*	*	*	*
Lansdowne Primary Academy	90	75	81	*	*	*	*	*	*	30	50	<5	*	*	*	*	*
Little Thurrock Primary School	90	69	75	<5	*	*	*	*	*	35	36	<5	*	*	*	*	*
Orsett Church of England Primary School	30	29	30	*	<5	<5	19	<5	<5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mossbourne Herd Lane Academy	60	32	41	*	<5	12	11	<5	<5	*	*	<5	11	*	*	*	*

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Purfleet Primary Academy	90	67	68	*	*	*	*	*	*	29	39	*	*	*	*	*	*
Quarry Hill Academy	60	97	60	<5	*	14	31	<5	9	*	*	<5	*	*	*	*	*
Shaw Primary Academy	60	30	33	<5	*	13	8	<5	8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Somers Heath Primary School	60	37	46	*	<5	<5	9	12	20	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	30	14	27	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	25	<5	*
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	30	36	30	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	24	6	*
St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School	90	41	45	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	19	26	*
Stanford-le-Hope Primary School	60	45	60	<5	<5	*	*	*	*	16	39	*	*	*	*	*	*
Stifford Clays Primary School	60	69	60	7	<5	25	21	5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Thameside Primary School	120	80	86	*	*	*	*	*	*	40	46		*	*	*	*	*
The Gateway Primary Free School	60	41	45	*	*	*	*	*	*	22	21	<5	*	*	*	*	*
Tilbury Pioneer Academy	60	51	55	*	*	*	*	*	*	24	29	<5	*	*	*	*	*
Tudor Court Primary School	90	59	60	<5	*	24	17	9	8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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Warren Primary School	60	56	60	<5	<5	*	*	*	*	18	40	*	*	*	*	*	*
West Thurrock Academy	60	40	45	*	*	8	12	7	18	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Woodside Academy	90	63	70	<5	<5	*	*	*	*	31	34	<5	*	*	*	*	*

* – this is not part of the schools' admissions criteria, or the school did not offer any places under this criterion
 * – to minimise the risk of individuals being identified, we suppress data where the numbers are small

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- phone – 01375 652 652 – **phone lines are closed to the public between 10am and 1pm**
- post – School Admissions, Thurrock Council, Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, RM17 6SL

Home to School Transport

- web – thurrock.gov.uk/hometoschool
- email – htstapplications@thurrock.gov.uk
- phone – 01375 652 652

Special Educational Needs team:

- email – sen@thurrock.gov.uk
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Essex (881)	School Admissions, Essex County Council, County Hall, Market Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1QH	0345 603 2200	admissions@essex.gov.uk	www.essex.gov.uk
Havering (311)	School Admissions, Town Hall, Main Road, Romford, RM1 3BD	01708 434 600	schooladmissions@haverling.gov.uk	www.haverling.gov.uk
Kent (886)	4 th Floor, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX	0300 041 2121	kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk	www.kent.gov.uk
Southend On Sea	Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 6ER	01702 212934	admissions@southend.gov.uk	www.southend.gov.uk