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Primary School Admissions

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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 **12:30am on 16 April 2021** – 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
Corporate Director of Children's Services

Applying for admission to a primary school

If you have a child who was born between **1 September 2016** and **31 August 2017**, you must apply for a school place for **September 2021**. 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 2013** and **31 August 2014** and is starting Year 2 at an infant school in **September 2020**, you must apply for a school place at a junior school for **September 2021** (infant to junior transfer) if your child is currently attending an infant school outside Thurrock.

When to apply

You can apply from **2 November 2020** and must get your application to us by **15 January 2021**. 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 create an account for applying.

If you do not have internet access at home you can still apply online at your local library or at the council offices in Grays.

Once you have an account you will be able to complete an application, review, amend and submit it online.

You will get an automatic confirmation that your application has been received. Once you have submitted your application online, if you make any changes – for example, change preference order – you must re-submit the application.

If you change your email address you must notify our School Admissions team by emailing school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk

Schools you should apply for

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

- community and voluntary-controlled schools –the council is the admission authority
- 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.

Due to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we will not be holding face-to-face parent briefing sessions this year.

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

- phone – 01375 652 599
- 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 2021**. 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)

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

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 2021**, 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, please do not send a paper application 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 will need to send paper copies, by the closing date of **15 January 2021**, to our School Admissions team at:

School Admissions, Thurrock Council, Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, RM17 6SL.

Supplementary forms must be returned direct to the school by **15 January 2021**, which is the closing date for applications.

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

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

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 and community hubs or the Civic Offices in Grays.

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 community and voluntary-controlled schools are arranged by Thurrock Council.

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 is 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 – community and voluntary-controlled schools

When there are fewer applications for places in a particular school than the published admission number for that school, all legitimate applications will be met with the offer of a place there.

Where there are more applicants than places, the following oversubscription criteria – also known as admission criteria – will be used for deciding which applications have priority. These criteria are set out below in the order in which they are applied.

1. Looked-after children and previously looked-after children

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)

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

2. Special reasons

Priority for admission may be given where there are exceptional social, medical or educational reasons for admission to a particular school. These reasons must be supported by evidence from a relevant professional – for example, a doctor or a social worker – and must be submitted with the application for admission.

The purpose of this criterion is to give priority to pupils with a specific need that can be met specifically at one school rather than another.

The threshold for a successful application under this criterion is high and such cases are likely to be rare since all schools are able to offer support and facilities for a wide range of needs.

3. Catchment area siblings

Children whose normal place of residence is in the catchment area of the school at the closing date for applications, and who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission, will be prioritised in order of distance from the school, with those living closer having higher priority.

4. Catchment area children

Children whose normal place of residence is in the catchment area of the school at the closing date for applications will be prioritised in order of distance from the school, with those living closer having higher priority.

5. Non-catchment area siblings

Children whose normal place of residence is outside the catchment area of the school at the closing date for applications, and who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission, will be prioritised in order of distance from the school, with those living closer having higher priority.

6. Non-catchment area children

Children whose normal place of residence is outside the catchment area of the school at the closing date for applications will be prioritised in order of distance from the school, with those living closer having higher priority.

Further information– community and voluntary-controlled schools

Distance

The distance measurement used is the shortest straight line distance from home to school. For most schools the straight line distance measurement is taken from the front door of the home address to the main school gate.

Addresses within the same apartment block will be regarded as a tie and resolved using the tie-breaker.

Siblings

For the purpose of allocating places, siblings will be defined as:

- full siblings living at the same address
- step siblings living at the same address
- half siblings living at the same address
- long-term foster siblings living at the same address at the date of application and admission

Children attending a school nursery class

Admission to or attendance at a school nursery class does not guarantee or give any priority, for admission to the main part of a primary or infant school.

Multiple births

When there are not enough places remaining in a particular criterion to allow all children from a multiple birth to be admitted within the published admission number, the local authority will admit the others as excepted pupils, in the terms of the infant class size legislation, so as to allow all children from that multiple birth to attend the same school.

Tie-breaker

In circumstances where more than one child is entitled to the same place the place will be offered using the random allocation system (a lottery). This process will be administered by the school admissions service and supervised by an independent witness.

Other offers

Applications that are not met with an offer of a preferred school will receive an offer at their catchment school (if applicable) if places are still available after all allocations have been made to on-time applicants. If places are not available at their catchment school (if applicable) after allocations they will be offered the next nearest school with spaces measured by shortest walking route from your home address to the school.

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 tables below.

Frequently asked questions

How are places allocated?

Places are offered strictly according to the priority afforded to each application by the oversubscription criteria set out in this information brochure or 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 the council as co-ordinating body. These lists are ranked using the school's published oversubscription criteria but the final decision on each application rests with the school, not the council.

When will I hear?

As an online applicant you will receive confirmation that your application has been submitted. Paper applications will not be acknowledged unless accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

As an online applicant you can log in to your account any time from **12:30am on 16 April 2021** to view your offer. An email will also be sent to you on the morning of **16 April 2021**.

If you apply on paper, your offer letter will be posted second class on **16 April 2021**.

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 2021**.

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 in order 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, or who are European Economic Area nationals, 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, on the basis of the overseas address.

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 your catchment school (where applicable) if places are available after all allocations have been made to parents who applied on-time

If places are not available at your catchment school (where applicable) after allocations, you will be offered a place at the next nearest school with spaces, measured by shortest walking route from your home address to the school.

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 your child will attend. When making your choice, however, you must always consider how your child will get to school.

Many pupils can walk to school or use other sustainable methods of transport. Further 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-travel-support/policies-and-useful-information

We advise all parents 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".

To be eligible for free travel arrangements, in almost all cases pupils must attend the nearest suitable school with a place available, or where a place would have been available if the parent or carer had listed that school in the application for a school place.

To satisfy the condition that a child attends the nearest suitable school, **parents of primary school pupils** must list as their chosen schools the 3 primary schools nearest to them in order of distance from their home.

Our policy provides a wide range of information around home to school transport, such as how to determine your nearest schools, how we measure distance using Datamap, and much more. To access our Datamap mileage calculating website, go to hometoschool.thurrock.gov.uk

It is important point to note that some schools operate a catchment area for admissions. Whilst your child may live in a catchment area, this is not relevant to eligibility for travel arrangements.

Once you have been allocated your school place on **16 April 2021** you must apply for transport before **31 May 2021** if you think you are eligible for transport.

For further information please contact Awards and Benefits:

- phone – 01375 652 511
- email – awards@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 2016** and **31 August 2017** will be eligible to apply for a full time place in reception at a Thurrock school from **September 2021**.

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 2021**. 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, in liaison with the head teacher, the local authority agrees that the child may begin school early, the application will be processed. If it is not agreed, the application will be cancelled by the local 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 | Admission limit (PAN) |
|---|---|--|------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Abbots Hall Primary Academy | Mrs Laura James | Abbots Drive, Stanford-le-Hope, SS17 7BW www.abbots-hall.co.uk | 01375 673 188 | Academy | 4-11 | 60 |
| Arthur Bugler Primary School | Mr J A Bryant | St James Avenue East, Stanford-le-Hope, SS17 7BQ www.arthurbugler.com | 01375 677 079 | Academy | 4-11 | 60 |
| Aveley Primary School | Miss N Shadbolt | Stifford Road, Aveley, RM15 4AA www.aveleyprimary.net | 01708 865 868 | Academy | 3-11 | 60 |
| Belmont Castle Academy | Mr Mark Jones | 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 | 60 |
| Bonnygate Primary School | Mrs Sarah McHugh | Arisdale Avenue, South Ockendon, RM15 5BA www.bonnygateprimary.co.uk | 01708 853 316 | Community | 3-11 | 60 |
| Bulphan Church of England Primary School | Miss Sally Finch | Fen Lane, Bulphan, RM14 3RL www.bulphanprimary.thurrock.sch.uk | 01375 891 220 | Academy | 4-11 | 12 |
| Chadwell St Mary Primary School | Ms C Pumfrey, (Executive Head Teacher), Mr Jack Lloyd (Head of School) | Riverview, Chadwell St Mary, RM16 4DH www.chadwellstmaryprimary.co.uk | 01375 843 280 | Academy | 4-11 | 30 |

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|--|--|---|------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Deneholm Primary School | Ms C Pumfrey (Executive Head Teacher) | Culford Road, Grays, RM16 2SS www.deneholmprimaryschool.co.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 | Fiona Bates | Princess Margaret Road, East Tilbury, RM18 8SB http://easttilburyprimary.thurrock.sch.uk | 01375 846 181 | Academy | 4-11 | 90 |
| Giffards Primary School | Mrs Nicky Haslam-Davis | 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 http://grahamjamesacademy.co.uk | 01375 675 889 | Academy | 4-11 (2½-4 nursery) | 60 |
| Harris Primary Academy Chafford Hundred | Miss Rachel Rai | Harris Primary Academy Chafford Hundred, Mayflower Road, Chafford Hundred, RM16 6SA www.harrisprimarychaffordhundred.org.uk | 01375 484 490 | Academy | 3-11 | 90 |
| Harris Primary Academy Mayflower | Miss Katie Hanley | Harris Primary Academy Mayflower, 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 (Head of School) | Daiglen Drive, South Ockendon, RM15 5RP www.holycrossprimary.com | 01708 853 000 | Academy | 3-11 | 30 |

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| Horndon on the Hill Church of England Primary School | Mrs D Bradley (Head of School) | Hillcrest Road, Horndon on the Hill, SS17 8LR www.horndononthehill.org.uk | 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 | Ms Emma Laikin | Lansdowne Road, Tilbury, RM18 7QB www.theglc-lansdowne.org.uk | 01375 487 200 | Academy | 5-11 | 90 |
| Little Thurrock Primary School | Andrew Hook | Rectory Road, Grays, RM17 5SW www.littlethurrock.thurrock.sch.uk | 01375 373 586 | Academy | 5-11 (3-4 nursery) | 90 |
| Orsett Church of England Primary School | Miss Shelley Jones | School Lane, Orsett, RM16 3JR www.orsettprimary.co.uk | 01375 891 383 | Academy | 4-11 | 30 |
| Ortu Corringham Primary School | Lee Porter (Acting Head Teacher) | Herd Lane, Corringham, Essex, SS17 9BH www.ortucorringhamprimary.org | 01375 672157 | Academy | 2 -11 | 60 |
| Purfleet Primary Academy | Mr Eugene Samuel | Tankhill Road, Purfleet, RM19 1TA www.purfleetprimary.co.uk | 01375 659 900 | Academy | 3-11 | 90 |
| Quarry Hill Academy | Mrs Samantha Wakeling | Bradleigh Avenue, Grays, RM17 5UT www.quarryhillacademy.org.uk | 01375 373 729 | Academy | 3-11 | 60 |
| Shaw Primary Academy | Ms Dawn Copping | Avon Green, South Ockendon, RM15 5QJ www.shawprimaryacademy.co.uk | 01708 852 367 | Academy | 3-11 | 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 |

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|--|--|---|------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| St Joseph's Catholic Primary School | Miss Ruth Saul | Scratton Road, Stanford-le-Hope, SS17 0PA www.stjosephscatholicprimaryschool.co.uk | 01375 672 217 | Academy | 4-11 | 30 |
| St Mary's Catholic Primary School | Mrs M Jones | Calcutta Road, Tilbury, RM18 7QH www.stmarystilbury.co.uk | 01375 843 254 | Voluntary-aided | 4-11 | 30 |
| St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School | Mrs Mary Ward | Headteacher Ward Avenue, Grays, RM17 5RW www.stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk | 01375 375 826 | Academy | 4-11 | 90 |
| Stanford-le-Hope Primary School | Miss Lisa Glandfield | Head Teacher Copland Road, Stanford-le-Hope, SS17 0DF www.stanfordlehopeprimary.co.uk | 01375 672 066 | Academy | 3-11 | 60 |
| Stifford Clays Primary School | Ms C Pumfrey (Executive Head Teacher) | Whitmore Avenue, Grays, RM16 2ST www.stiffordclaysprimary.thurrock.sch.uk | 01375 373 866 | Academy | 2-11 | 90 |
| Thameside Primary School | Mrs Joanna Bray | Manor Road, Grays, RM17 6EF www.thamesideprimaryschool.com | 01375 372 188 | Academy | 3-11 | 120 |
| The Gateway Primary Free School | Mr Dan George | Marshfoot Road, Chadwell-St-Mary, RM16 4LU www.theglc-primaryfreeschool.org.uk | 01375 489 094 | Free School | 4-11 | 60 |
| Tilbury Pioneer Academy | Mr Dan George (Head of School) | 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 | Mr Ian Broyd | Gilbert Road, Chafford Hundred, RM16 6NB www.warrenps.co.uk | 01375 482 288 | Academy | 3-11 | 60 |

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| West Thurrock Academy | Mrs Susan Cook | Schoolfield Road, Grays, RM20 3HR www.westthurrockacademy.co.uk | 01708 866 743 | Academy | 3-11 | 60 |
| Woodside Academy | Mr E Caines MA | Woodside Academy, Grangewood Avenue, Grays, RM16 2GJ www.woodsideacademy.org | 01375 372 513 | Academy | 3-11 | 90 |

A number of Thurrock schools are considering becoming academies, which means the status of schools listed in the table above may be subject to change.

What happened last year on National Offer Day

| School | Places available | First preference applications received | Total number of places offered | Catchment | Catchment sibling | Out of catchment | Out of catchment sibling | Children of staff | Distance | LAC | SEN | Sibling | Social / medical | Denominational | Non-denominational |
|---|------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|-----|-----|---------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Abbots Hall Primary Academy | 30 | 44 | 30 | 13 | 9 | <5 | 6 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Arthur Bugler Primary School | 60 | 91 | 60 | 25 | 9 | <5 | 21 | * | * | <5 | <5 | * | * | * | * |
| Aveley Primary School | 60 | 64 | 60 | 30 | 22 | <5 | <5 | * | * | * | <5 | * | * | * | * |
| Belmont Castle Academy | 90 | 102 | 90 | 53 | 35 | * | * | * | * | * | <5 | * | * | * | * |
| Benyon Primary School | 60 | 36 | 56 | 24 | 11 | 19 | <5 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Bonnygate Primary School | 60 | 51 | 60 | 24 | 18 | 11 | 6 | * | * | <5 | * | * | * | * | * |
| Bulphan Church of England Primary School | 12 | 11 | 12 | * | <5 | <5 | <5 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Chadwell St Mary Primary School | 30 | 42 | 30 | 11 | 8 | 5 | 5 | * | * | * | <5 | * | * | * | * |
| Deneholm Primary School | 60 | 50 | 60 | 15 | 12 | 21 | 12 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Dilkes Academy | 60 | 107 | 60 | 24 | 10 | 14 | 11 | * | * | <5 | * | * | * | * | * |
| East Tilbury Primary School and Nursery | 90 | 101 | 90 | 50 | 39 | * | * | * | * | * | <5 | * | * | * | * |

| School | Places available | First preference applications received | Total number of places offered | Catchment | Catchment sibling | Out of catchment | Out of catchment sibling | Children of staff | Distance | LAC | SEN | Sibling | Social / medical | Denominational | Non-denominational |
|---|------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|-----|-----|---------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Giffards Primary School | 60 | 45 | 59 | 15 | 17 | 19 | 8 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Graham James Primary Academy | 60 | 59 | 60 | 14 | <5 | 25 | 17 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Harris Primary Academy Chafford Hundred | 90 | 110 | 90 | 41 | 17 | 26 | 5 | * | * | * | <5 | * | * | * | * |
| Harris Primary Academy Mayflower | 150 | 149 | 150 | * | * | * | * | * | 85 | * | * | 65 | * | * | * |
| Herringham Primary Academy | 60 | 38 | 54 | * | * | * | * | * | 28 | * | * | 26 | * | * | * |
| Holy Cross Catholic Primary School | 30 | 28 | 30 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 12 | 17 |
| Horndon on the Hill Church of England Primary School | 30 | 25 | 30 | 7 | <5 | 11 | 8 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Kenningtons Primary Academy | 60 | 51 | 60 | 29 | 13 | 7 | 11 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Lansdowne Primary Academy | 90 | 88 | 90 | * | * | * | * | * | 52 | <5 | * | 37 | * | * | * |
| Little Thurrock Primary School | 90 | 62 | 76 | 13 | 15 | 27 | 19 | * | * | <5 | * | * | * | * | * |
| Orsett Church of England Primary School | 30 | 22 | 25 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 12 | * | 7 | 5 |
| Ortu Corringham Primary School | 60 | 39 | 50 | 10 | 14 | 17 | 9 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |

| School | Places available | First preference applications received | Total number of places offered | Catchment | Catchment sibling | Out of catchment | Out of catchment sibling | Children of staff | Distance | LAC | SEN | Sibling | Social / medical | Denominational | Non-denominational |
|--|------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|-----|-----|---------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Purfleet Primary Academy | 90 | 81 | 90 | * | * | * | * | * | 53 | * | * | 37 | * | * | * |
| Quarry Hill Academy | 60 | 128 | 60 | 40 | 20 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Shaw Primary Academy | 60 | 55 | 60 | 22 | 8 | 19 | 9 | * | * | * | <5 | * | * | * | * |
| Somers Heath Primary School | 60 | 59 | 60 | 14 | 11 | 16 | 16 | * | * | <5 | * | * | * | * | * |
| St Joseph's Catholic Primary School | 30 | 28 | 30 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 5 | 20 |
| St Mary's Catholic Primary School | 30 | 34 | 30 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 14 | 16 |
| St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School | 90 | 67 | 78 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 34 | 43 |
| Stanford-le-Hope Primary School | 60 | 58 | 60 | 29 | 18 | 6 | 6 | * | * | <5 | * | * | * | * | * |
| Stifford Clays Primary School | 90 | 81 | 90 | 31 | 32 | 19 | 6 | * | * | * | <5 | * | * | * | * |
| Thameside Primary School | 120 | 85 | 119 | 46 | 27 | 27 | 17 | <5 | * | * | <5 | * | * | * | * |
| The Gateway Primary Free School | 60 | 33 | 43 | * | * | * | * | <5 | 21 | * | * | 20 | * | * | * |
| Tilbury Pioneer Academy | 60 | 61 | 60 | * | * | * | * | <5 | 27 | * | * | 32 | * | * | * |
| Tudor Court Primary School | 90 | 86 | 90 | 28 | 32 | 17 | 12 | * | * | * | <5 | * | * | * | * |

| School | Places available | First preference applications received | Total number of places offered | Catchment | Catchment sibling | Out of catchment | Out of catchment sibling | Children of staff | Distance | LAC | SEN | Sibling | Social / medical | Denominational | Non-denominational |
|------------------------------|------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|-----|-----|---------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Warren Primary School | 60 | 65 | 60 | 17 | 30 | <5 | <5 | * | * | <5 | <5 | * | <5 | * | * |
| West Thurrock Academy | 60 | 48 | 60 | 27 | 10 | 18 | 5 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Woodside Academy | 90 | 98 | 90 | * | * | * | * | <5 | 52 | * | <5 | 35 | * | * | * |

* – this is not part of the schools' criteria or the school did not offer any places under this criterion

<5 – to minimise the risk of individuals being identified data, we suppress the data where the numbers are small

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| Local authority | Address | Phone | Email | Web |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------------|--|--|
| Barking and Dagenham (301) | School Admissions, Town Hall, 1 Clockhouse Avenue, Barking, IG11 7LU | 020 8215 3004 | admissions@lbbd.gov.uk | www.lbbd.gov.uk |
| Essex (881) | School Admissions, Essex County Council, County Hall, Market Road, Chelmsford, 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) | Admissions and Transport Team Room 2.24, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ | 0300 041 2121 | kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk | www.kent.gov.uk |