

Secondary School Application

2023/24

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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Key Dates

- Applications Opened on 1st September
- Open evenings take place all through September and October
- CATs (week beginning 2nd October)
- Deadline for applying 31st October
- National offer day 1st March 2024
- Deadline for responding to offer 15th March 2024

How to Apply

- <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>
- If you've applied in the last 3 years, you can select returning visitor

Welcome to eAdmissions

First time visitors

Create a new account.



[Register](#)

Returning visitors

Sign into an existing account.



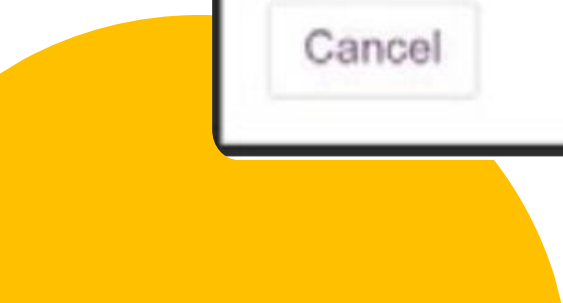
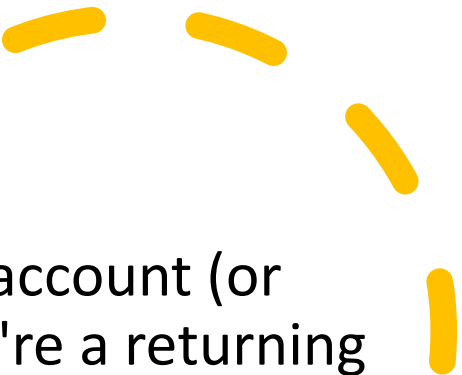
[Sign in](#)

Find schools

In your area.



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Add schools


Find schools to add to your application from:


☒ List of schools ⓘ ☐ Map ⓘ ☐ Keywords ⓘ

Select a Local Authority

Hackney ▼ 

Select a school

--- Please select --- ▼ 



- Once you've created your account (or checked your details if you're a returning user), you can begin the application process
- You'll need to enter your child's details and then select which schools you want
- When you select a school, you'll need to input a small amount of information (e.g. does your child have a sibling at that school)

- Once you've selected all the schools you wish to apply for, check the order is correct and then confirm the selection

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The City Academy, Hackney Homerton Row, Hackney, London, E9 6EA		
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Cardinal Pole Catholic School 205 Morning Lane, Hackney, London, E9 6LG		
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Add school

Confirm selection

- When you're happy with the selections, the order of preference, and the information you've provided, you can submit your application
- You will receive a confirmation email (make sure to check your junk) and if you do not receive one, make sure to contact Hackney Education

☒ I have read and accepted the above declaration

☒ I have read and accepted the Hackney Council [terms and conditions](#)

Submit application

Supplementary Information Forms (SIFS)

- Cardinal Pole Catholic School, Catholic
- Lubavitch Senior Girls School, Jewish
- Our Lady's High School, Catholic
- The Urswick School, Church of England
- Yesodey Hatorah Senior Girls School, Jewish

What to do before you apply

1

Visit Schools – I have a handout with open evenings and events for the end of the meeting

2

Make sure your preferences are realistic (distance being one of the main factors)

3


Consider what the commute may be like for your child

4

Speak to your child and other parents

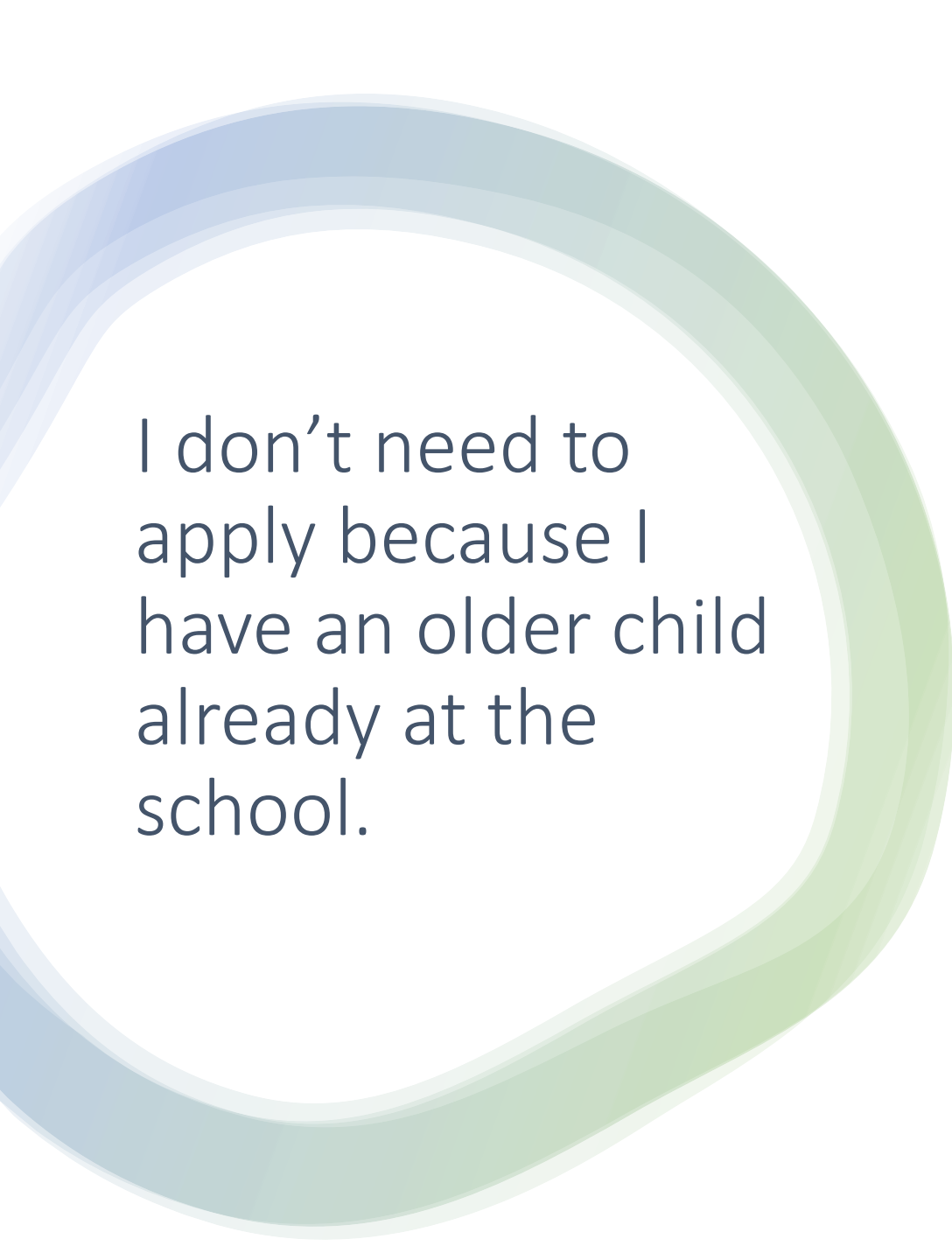


A few common
misconceptions




My child has a right to a place at one of my preferred schools.

- Not true! ...your child will only be offered a place if they qualify according to the school's admission criteria. If your child does not qualify for any of your preferred schools (e.g. because your preferences were unrealistic) they will usually be offered a place at the nearest school to your home with a vacancy remaining after all on-time applicants have been offered places.



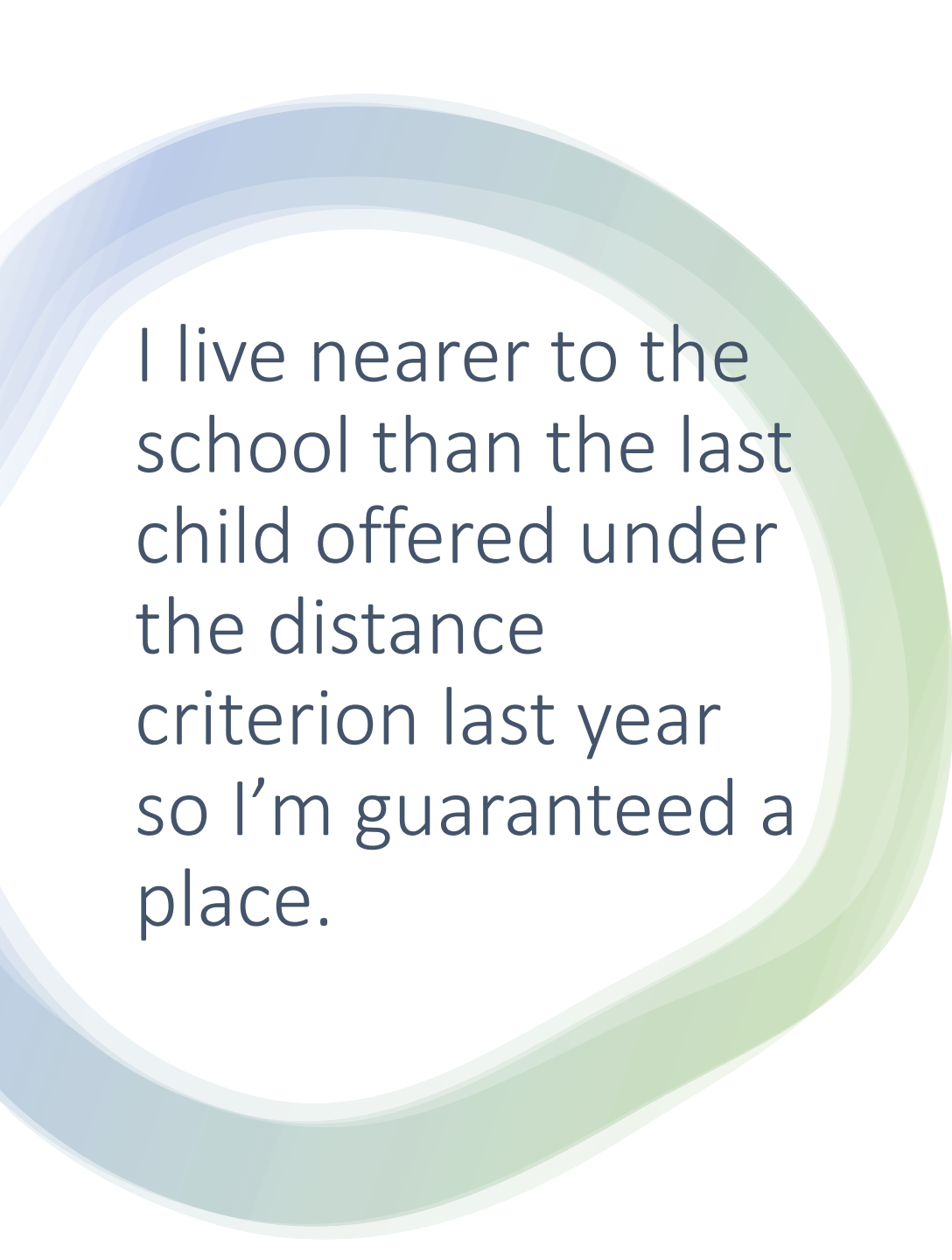
I don't need to apply because I have an older child already at the school.

- Not true! ...everyone must apply for their child even if they have a brother or sister already at the school. Most schools give priority to brothers and sisters but if you don't apply you could miss out on a place



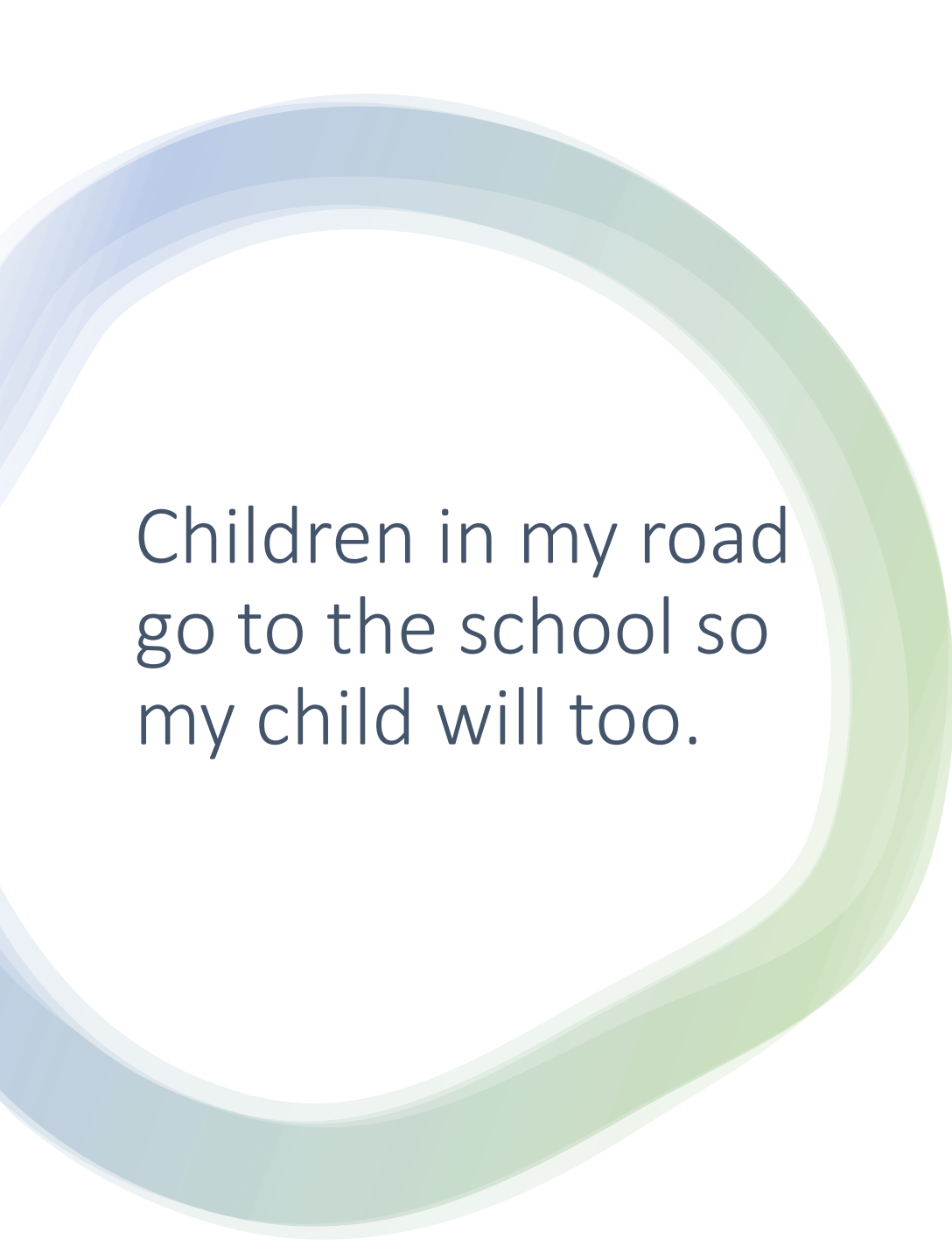
If I list only one school then I have to be offered a place.

- Not true! ...listing only one school does not increase your child's chances of being offered a place. You are strongly advised to include your nearest schools amongst your preferences.



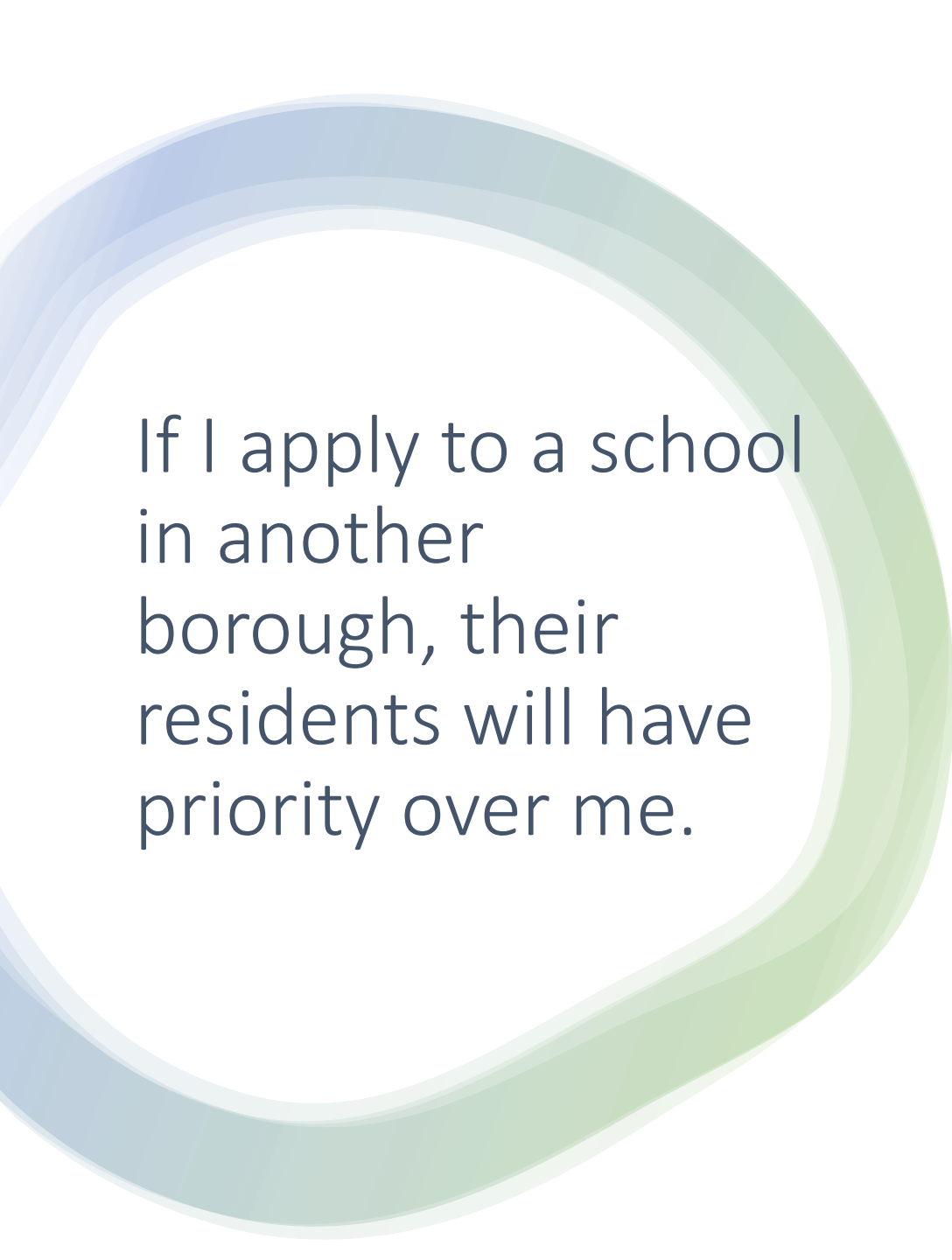
I live nearer to the school than the last child offered under the distance criterion last year so I'm guaranteed a place.

- Not true! ...the home-to-school distance of the last child offered a place will change every year. The information about offers for each school in previous years is available online at education.hackney.gov.uk/cutoffdistances This information is a guide only and no child is guaranteed a place at any school.




Children in my road
go to the school so
my child will too.

- Not always ...the number of pupils offered under each criterion at each school can change every year. Just because you know pupils living near you that go to a certain school, it does not mean that your child will be offered a place there.




If I apply to a school in another borough, their residents will have priority over me.

- Not always! Some admission authorities may give priority to local children, i.e. based on postcode, however published admissions criteria cannot include the borough of residence. You should read the admission arrangements to see how children are prioritised for a place.




It does not matter if
my application is
late.

- It matters! ...If you apply after 31 October 2023, we will look at your application after all those that applied on time have been processed. In this case it is very unlikely that you will be offered a place at a popular school.



I can only apply for
Hackney schools.

- Not true! ...you can apply for both Hackney and out of borough schools by listing them on the Hackney application form.



So, how should you list your preferences?

- Each school listed is assessed by that school's own acceptance criteria
- Where preference matters is when the offer comes in
- Let's suppose you qualify for 3 of the 6 schools you chose – HLT will ONLY offer you the highest school on your list and then await your decision.
- So, choose your preference first (even if the chances are small of you getting a place and work down from there)

Top Tips



APPLY ON TIME



BE REALISTIC




ORDER OF PREFERENCE
MATTERS (BUT SECONDARY
SCHOOLS WON'T SEE IT)



VISIT SCHOOL'S WEBSITES

Support

- If you need support – email admin@blossom.hackney.sch.uk and mark FAO Mr Swarbrick
- Do this sooner rather than later
- APEX – Speak with Faisal (always here on Wednesdays)



Q&A