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To all parents of Year 6 children
attending a Barnet primary school

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Dear Parent

TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL 2021

The information that you have been given by your child's primary school explains how to apply for a secondary school place.

Before you begin your application, please visit our website at www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions for further guidance and to download the booklet 'A Guide to Secondary Education in Barnet', which will give you all the information you need to know about the secondary transfer process.

Parents of children in Year 6 who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC) will receive information about their arrangements for transfer from the SEN Team and will complete a different form.

When you are deciding which schools to apply for, do take time to look at the admissions criteria for each school, as these are the rules that will be used to decide how places will be allocated. If you think that your application will be considered under a distance criterion, you should check to see if your home address falls within the usual allocation area. Further information about our schools, or schools outside Barnet, can be found on the individual school's website. We recommend that you attend the open events for the schools you are interested in to help you decide which schools you prefer. A schedule of open evenings has been published in the Guide to Secondary Education but it is unlikely that these will go ahead as planned on school sites. Most schools will be arranging alternative virtual events and you should check individual school websites for further information.

You must submit **one** application to your home council to apply to all schools (except private schools) whether the school is within or outside Barnet. The application must be made at www.eadmissions.org.uk.

The deadline for submitting your application is **Saturday 31 October 2020**. If you submit your application after the deadline, it will be considered after all applications that were received by the closing date and you will not receive an outcome email on National Offer Day, 1 March 2021. However, if there is an exceptional reason why you could not return

your application by 31 October, it may be considered as 'on time' if it is received by **Thursday 10 December 2020** and the reason for the lateness is fully explained on the Reason for Late Application form and accepted by the Local Authority.

Some schools, usually faith schools or selective schools, will also require you to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) in addition to the eadmissions form. These are available on school websites. For further information, please refer to the individual school pages in the secondary guide and to the guides published by other local authorities if applicable.

Many schools that test for a child's ability or aptitude have postponed admission tests until later in the autumn term. This is in response to a range of COVID-19 issues. Please check individual school websites for the latest information. Despite these changes you should still submit your application by 31 October 2020. If you receive the results of tests after the 31 October, you may make changes to your school preferences if you think the results may affect the outcome of your application. This must be done by sending an email to school.admissions@barnet.gov.uk by **10 December 2020** at the latest. If you are not a Barnet resident, please contact your home local authority for their policy on making changes to school preferences.

Yours sincerely

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