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IMPORTANT INFORMATION: APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Dear Parent / Carer,

This letter shares information about applying for a secondary school place for your child. Please use this information to give your child the best chance of getting a place in a school that you want them to attend next year. Further information can be found at <https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/secondary-before-you-apply?guidebook=189>

Secondary Transfer Parent Briefings

The school admissions team is hosting online information sessions about secondary transfer. Parents can watch the briefings live using a smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer with internet access. The briefings will take about 1 hour and are repeated on different days and at different times. The first briefing is next week on Tuesday 14 September. Visit education.hackney.gov.uk/secondarybriefings for more information. The sessions are being held on:

- Tuesday 14th September, 6:45pm - 8:15pm
- Thursday 16th September, 6:45pm - 8:15pm
- Monday 20th September, 9:45am - 11:15am
- Wednesday 22nd September, 3:45pm - 5:15pm
- Wednesday 27th September, 3:45pm - 5:15pm

If you do not have access to technology/internet) we can support you to attend a session at school. Please let the office know if you would like to do this.

Secondary School Open Events

Information about open events can be found at education.hackney.gov.uk/openevents. We strongly encourage you to visit / research schools carefully rather than choosing a child because your child thinks they will like it. Please visit individual school websites for up to date information about events. Parents who attend in person without checking beforehand are likely to be turned away. Links to secondary school website are available at <https://education.hackney.gov.uk/search/schools?for=&type%5Bss%5D=ss>

Applications for secondary school are open now and close on Friday 22nd October. Please complete your application by this date. Applications must be made at www.eadmissions.org.uk. You will need to supply your email address when you make your application.

Parents must list between one and six schools in their application. Secondary places are allocated using school admissions criteria, not preferences. Secondary schools do not even see your preferences! Listing one or two schools will not help your child to get into your chosen school and will often result in your child not being allocated a place. In this situation, your child will be offered a place in the school that is closest to your home and still has vacancies – even if this was not on your initial list of preferences. I strongly advise you to list all the schools you would consider your child attending, in order of preference, so that the admissions team can see your preferences.

Schools usually use the distance between the school and the applicant's home to prioritise admissions, allocating places to the nearest applicants. They also use banding information from the CATs tests, which your child will be taking in school next month. Other admissions selection criteria may include whether your child has siblings at the school,

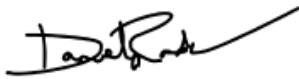
whether they have an EHCP and so on – consult school admissions criteria, which can be found on individual websites, for this information. You can find out which schools are closest to your home at <https://www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables> if you type in your postcode. Please be aware that the school may use a more precise measurement than this.

When you make your application using Eadmissions, you should check that you have received a confirmation email with an application reference number, showing that you have fully submitted your application. This may go to your 'Junk' or 'Spam' folder. Please query your application if you do not receive this email.

You will receive an email confirming your child's allocated school by email on the evening of 1st March 2022.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are having any difficulty with the applications process. We will be very happy to help you.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniela Rader', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Daniela Rader

Head of School