

## **Why have I not been offered a place at ...**

### **A Community school, Foundation school, Free school or Academy?**

- This will be because siblings and children who live nearer to the school than your child have been offered all the available places.
- Although you may live fairly near to a school, if there were enough other applicants living closer than you to fill the available places, it will not have been possible to offer your child a place.

### **A Church or Faith school?**

- This will be because children who meet the religious criteria more fully, and/or who live nearer to the school than your child, have been offered all the available places.
- If there are more applicants who meet the religious criteria than there are places, most schools will decide which children will get a place based on how close they live to the school.
- Please contact the school if you need more information about the religious criteria. If the school is not in the borough of Wandsworth, you should contact the school or the borough in which it is situated.

Specific Information about how places were allocated at each Wandsworth school can be found at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/school-admissions-statistics](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/school-admissions-statistics).

## **Is it possible that I will be offered a place later?**

### **If the school is in the borough of Wandsworth:**

- Your child's name has been placed on the waiting list for each school of a higher preference at which you were refused a place. The waiting lists are held in the order of the admissions criteria for the school. At many schools, there will be some parents who decide they no longer require a place. As vacancies arise between now and the beginning of September, these will be filled in order from the waiting list. The possibility of being offered a place later will depend on your child's position on the list.
- To find out your child's current position on a Wandsworth school waiting list, please visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/check-your-primary-school-waiting-list-position/](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/check-your-primary-school-waiting-list-position/). You will need to enter your reference number which is included in your notification letter/email. If you do not have internet access or have further queries please contact Pupil Services by email at [admissions@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@wandsworth.gov.uk) or by telephone on 020 8871 7316. From 31 August 2023 you will need to contact voluntary aided schools, foundation schools, free schools and academies direct for waiting list information. Further information about the types of Wandsworth school can be found at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions) or on page 25 of the "Choose a Wandsworth Primary School" admissions brochure.
- Please note that your waiting list position can change (up or down) over time as a result of other applicants being offered places or new applicants joining the waiting list.
- Please note the waiting lists for Wandsworth community schools will be discontinued on 30 June 2024 and you will need to reapply after this date if you still wish to be considered for a place. No reminder will be sent about this.

### **If the school is not in the borough of Wandsworth;**

- You should contact the school or the borough in which it is situated to find out if your child has been placed on the waiting list and their position.

## **Please turn over to find out what to do next.....**

## What should I do next?

- Unless you have been offered and have accepted a place at another school, you should accept the place we have offered. Accepting the place will **not** affect the offer of a place at a higher preference school if a vacancy comes up later, or affect the outcome of an appeal. The school you have been offered will not be told about other schools you applied for.
- If you applied online, please complete the outcome response on the London eadmissions website (<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk>) **by 2 May 2023**. Login to your existing account to see your 'My school admissions' page, then select 'View outcome and respond'.
- If you applied on a paper form, please email your response to [admissions@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@wandsworth.gov.uk) **by 2 May 2023**.
- If you no longer want the place offered to you because you are accepting a place in an independent school or are moving away, please let us know as soon as possible, so the place can be offered to someone else who is waiting.

## Can I appeal?

- You have a legal right of appeal to an independent appeal panel against decision to refuse a place at a school for which you have applied. However, you should think very carefully before deciding whether or not to appeal.
- Most schools will already have a reception class at the legal maximum of 30 pupils. In such cases, an appeal panel can uphold the appeal if they decide that the child has not been offered a place because of an error in applying the admission arrangements, or that those arrangements do not comply with admissions law, or that the decision was entirely unreasonable in legal terms.
- Unless you think there is a case to be made on any of these grounds, it is unlikely that an appeal will be successful.
- For all schools except Ark John Archer Primary Academy and Our Lady of Victories Primary School, please visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissionappeals](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissionappeals) for an appeal form and further information on the appeals process. If you do not have internet access or have further queries please contact Wandsworth Education Appeals Service by email at [educationappeals@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:educationappeals@wandsworth.gov.uk) or by telephone on 020 8871 7554. **Completed forms and any supporting documents must be received by the Appeals Service by 16 May 2023.**
- Further information about making an appeal for Ark John Archer Primary Academy is available on the school's website at [www.arkjohnarcher.org/admissions](http://www.arkjohnarcher.org/admissions). For Our Lady of Victories Primary School, please see the school's admissions policy at [www.ourladyofvictories.wandsworth.sch.uk/docs/Admissions/Admissions\\_Policy\\_2023-2024\\_updated\\_1\\_.pdf](http://www.ourladyofvictories.wandsworth.sch.uk/docs/Admissions/Admissions_Policy_2023-2024_updated_1_.pdf) for further details.
- For any school **not** in the borough of Wandsworth, you should contact the school (for Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools, and Academies) or the borough in which the school is situated (for Community schools) as soon as soon as possible for information on how and when to appeal.

## If you want to make late applications for different schools;

An Additional Preferences Form can be downloaded at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/). You will still be offered a place at a higher preference if a vacancy becomes available. Making late applications will not affect the outcome of any appeals you may make.