WESTMINSTER:
Your choice for primary education

A guide for parents with children starting primary and nursery schools in 2007

Parts of this brochure are available in Arabic, Bengali and large print. If you would like a copy, or would like us to provide an interpreter so that you can understand this brochure, please ring 020 7641 1816 or write to the Admissions team, 13th floor City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QP.
You can now apply online!

Information for parents

What’s it all about?
From September 2006, Westminster City Council is working in conjunction with the 32 other London boroughs and London Connects, to enable parents to apply for school places online. If you wish to continue to apply using a paper form, you will be able to do so; however there are many benefits of applying online which include:
• a quicker process, and you can track the progress of your application
• you will find out the results of your application more quickly
• reduces the use of paper
• you can apply from any location with internet access 24 hours a day 7 days a week up until the closing date.

How do I apply online?
As with paper applications, you will only be able to apply for a school place online from September 2006. For primary school reception class places you can apply online from September 2006 to 28th February 2007.

What if I don’t have a computer at home, can I still apply online?
Yes, you can apply anywhere with access to the internet. There are lots of places where you can apply online including:
• your local library
• at work
• an internet café
• you can also ask a friend or relative for help.

Do I need an email address to apply online?
No, having an email address is optional and if you provide it, it will be used to send you a confirmation of your application. By doing this, you will be given an application reference number, but you will need to enter this number on your application form.

When will I find out about my application?
The Admissions Team will write and inform all parents of the outcome of their application on 8th May 2007. If you have applied online, you can view the outcome of your application from 8th May 2007. For further information visit www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions
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Year 6 Memories display, Gateway Primary School

The artwork contained in this brochure are examples of our students’ work
Welcome to the City of Westminster’s Starting School booklet

Introduction by Sarah Richardson, Cabinet Member for Children’s Services

Starting school or an early years class is an important step for the whole family but particularly for your child. This booklet is designed to give you information about all the primary and nursery schools in Westminster to help you make the right choice. It goes on to explain how to apply for a place.

Westminster City Council takes education very seriously indeed and we are committed to working with young people, their parents and our local partners in the health service and elsewhere to deliver the best we can.

In nursery and primary schools, that means developing the support that you and your child need. In terms of results, Westminster’s primary schools are among the best in London so you can be confident your child is getting the best possible start. We know that’s only half the story and that early years education is also partly about developing physical, emotional and social skills. With over £150m being invested in secondary education as part of Westminster’s Building Schools for the Future programme, and two new academies opening in September, the time to start school in Westminster could not be better.

Our work continues, and shortly we hope to be able to announce the opening of a new academy sponsored by ARK Education in September 2007 on Penfold Street. Watch this space for more on Westminster’s third academy.

This year, the council’s Admissions Team will be coordinating admissions to Westminster’s primary school reception classes for 2007/08. This means more parents will be offered a place for their child at one of their preferred primary schools in the initial offer round on 8th May 2007.

To apply, complete the Westminster Common Application Form. You can do this either online at www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions or by completing a hard copy application and returning it to the address provided.

Each school will be able to give you more information about their facilities and services. They will also be able to provide you with a copy of their School Prospectus, which will include information about any supplementary forms you may be asked to complete before your application can be considered.

If you have any questions, or would like further information or help throughout this process, please contact the council’s Admissions Team on 020 7641 1817 or by email at schooladmissions@westminster.gov.uk.

I wish you every success in finding the school that's best for you and your child.

Councillor Sarah Richardson
Cabinet Member for Children’s Services
Introduction to Westminster schools

This booklet is for parents of pupils aged between 3 and 11, but deals mainly with issues for parents whose children are due to start primary school. It gives information on how and when to apply for a place, explains how admission decisions are made, and gives information about each school to help parents make the best choice of schools for their children.

There are 40 maintained primary schools and four maintained nursery schools in the City of Westminster. The education provided at each of these schools is free. All other schools in Westminster providing primary or nursery education are either independent (private) schools or run by other organisations which may charge fees. Information on these schools can be obtained from the Independent Schools’ Council Information Service who can be contacted on:
- phone: 087 0343 5363
- email: southeast@iscislse.co.uk
- website: www.findanindependentschool.co.uk.

Westminster Children’s Information Service also produces the Westminster Under 14s Directory which gives details of all early years provision in the area and can be obtained by calling 020 7641 7929.

Many of the questions parents raise are answered in this booklet, but if you need further information, the School Admissions team will be pleased to help.

Contacting the admissions team

The Westminster School Admissions Team is based at City Hall in Victoria Street, SW1. They can be contacted in a number of ways:
- by post at School Admissions Team, 13th floor, City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP
- by telephone on 020 7641 1817
- by email at schooladmissions@westminster.gov.uk
- visiting the council website www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions
- in person – staff at the One Stop Shops in Westminster will be able to answer basic enquiries. If you need to see a member of the Admissions Team it may be necessary to make an appointment at busy times.

Community schools and Voluntary-Aided schools – an explanation

There are currently 40 maintained primary schools and four maintained nursery schools in the City of Westminster. Of these, 14 are Community primary schools, 19 are Church of England Voluntary-Aided primary schools and seven Roman Catholic Voluntary-Aided primary schools.

Community schools are schools financed by public money and maintained by Westminster City Council, which sets admission requirements. Voluntary-Aided schools are set up by a religious or voluntary body, but funded through the council. Governors have additional responsibilities over those of Community schools, including setting admission requirements and deciding which children to admit.
A new Academy in North Westminster

Plans are well-advanced to open an infant school at Penfold Street, NW8, in September 2007. The school, which will be located on the site of the former North Westminster Community School, will form part of a new, all-age (3-19) academy. The academy will have two forms of entry and will be designed on a model of schools-within-schools. The infant school plans to admit up to 60 children to the reception class for the 2007/08 school year. Once decisions regarding the opening of the school have been finalised, applicants will need to apply on the Westminster Common Application Form. The new school will provide exciting opportunities for local children and for the community. Full details will be made available towards the end of September 2006. Until then, we would recommend that parents/carers who wish to consider applying for a place at the academy should delay the submission of their application form until the end of September 2006.

Delaying the submission of your application will not affect your right to apply for places at any other school as there is no advantage gained through the early submission of an application.

The National Curriculum

Westminster primary schools follow the National Curriculum.

When your child starts primary school in the reception class they will be taught in the Foundation Stage. The remainder of your child’s time at primary and secondary school is divided into four stages known as Key Stages. Each stage has its own programme of study, targets and assessment arrangements. The four stages are:

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<td>Key Stage 3: Ages 11 – 14</td>
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<td>Key Stage 4: Ages 14 – 16</td>
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At primary school your child will be covering Key Stages 1 and 2. These are the subject areas your child will cover:

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There is also daily active collective worship for all pupils except those withdrawn by parents.

Early education and childcare

Early Childhood Services and the School Effectiveness Group are responsible for supporting the delivery of quality early education and childcare across Westminster. This is being delivered through a range of settings, including 12 Children’s Centres which also provide family support, adult learning opportunities and access to employment advice.

Parents can access a free part-time early education place, for two and a half hours per day, for up to 38 weeks per year, for their three and four year olds, where settings are registered with the council to receive nursery education grant. Details can be found in the Under 14s Directory published termly by the Children’s Information Service.

For information on this please contact the following:

Children’s Information Service (CIS),
Early Childhood Services,
Children and Community Services Department,
City of Westminster,
City Hall,
64 Victoria Street,
London, SW1E 6QP
Phone: 020 7641 7929
Email: cis@westminster.gov.uk
Applying for a nursery place at a maintained nursery or primary school

Maintained nurseries and nursery classes
There are four nursery schools and 31 nursery classes at primary schools maintained by Westminster City Council.

Nursery schools
Dorothy Gardner Nursery Centre
Mary Paterson Nursery School
Portman Early Childhood Centre (run in conjunction with Church Street Sure Start)
Tachbrook Nursery School

For more information on these schools, please see page 19.

Nursery classes at Westminster primary schools
Some primary schools offer all-day nursery classes. Others offer part time sessions only, whilst some offer both full time and part time places. You are welcome to ask each school how it arranges its classes.

The following maintained schools in Westminster have a nursery class:

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<td>Churchill Gardens</td>
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<td>Essendine</td>
<td>St. Mary’s Bryanston Square CE</td>
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<td>Gateway</td>
<td>St. Mary Magdalene CE</td>
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<td>George Eliot Infant</td>
<td>St. Mary of the Angels RC</td>
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<td>Hallfield Infant</td>
<td>St. Matthew’s CE</td>
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<td>Hampden Gurney CE</td>
<td>St. Peter’s Eaton Square CE</td>
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<td>Millbank</td>
<td>Soho Parish</td>
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<td>Our Lady of Dolours RC</td>
<td>St. Saviour’s CE</td>
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<td>Paddington Green</td>
<td>St. Stephen’s CE</td>
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<td>Queen’s Park</td>
<td>St. Vincent’s RC</td>
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<td>Robinsfield Infant</td>
<td>St. Vincent de Paul RC</td>
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For more information on these schools, please see pages 20-42. Please note: attendance at a nursery listed above will not result in automatic entry to the school. All parents are advised to make applications to their preferred schools in accordance with the procedure listed overleaf.
How to apply

To apply for a nursery class place at a Westminster primary school or maintained nursery, you will need to apply direct to the school/nursery. You are welcome to contact schools directly to arrange a visit and make an application. The contact details for schools is given in the nursery and primary schools section on pages 19-42.

Community schools/nursery schools
There may not be enough places in the nursery school or nursery class to take all the children who would like to attend. For Community schools and maintained nursery schools, where there are more applications than places, the school will allocate places in the following order:
(i) children with an exceptional medical or social need for a place at the particular school concerned
(ii) children with a brother or sister already attending the nursery school or class, or the main school of which the nursery class is part. (In the case of the nursery classes at Robinsfield, George Eliot and Halffield Infant Schools this priority would also extend to applicants with a sibling attending Barrow Hill, George Eliot or Halffield Junior schools respectively, in line with the linked sibling priority which already exists between these pairs of schools for admission to children from reception onwards)
(iii) children for whom the school or nursery class is the nearest nursery provision in a Community school (with priority within this group given to those living nearest to the school)
(iv) children who live nearest the school.

Voluntary-Aided schools
Voluntary-Aided schools have their own criteria for deciding which children should have a place in their nursery classes. Parents should contact each school directly for more information.

Nursery children transferring to reception class
Please note there is no automatic transfer from the nursery class to the reception class at a school. The infant or primary school where a child attends a nursery class will not necessarily be able to offer a place in reception. There is a separate application procedure for reception class places at schools. All schools have admissions criteria, which they use to allocate places when they are oversubscribed. Information on these can be found in pages 16-18.

Apply online at www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions
Applying for a reception class place at primary school

When to apply for a reception class place at primary school

If your child was born between 1st September 2002 and 31st August 2003 your child is due to start in the reception class at school in the 2007/08 school year. Westminster is coordinating the admission arrangements for 2007/08. Any parents and guardians who have already made applications to a Westminster school before September 2006 will need to reapply. Those parents will be contacted directly and sent the Westminster Common Application Form (CAF) and guidance notes for admission to primary school reception class in September 2007/January 2008. If you have not received a CAF by January 2007 please contact the Admissions Team on 020 7641 1817.

When your child should start at primary school

The first class your child will join when starting primary school is the reception class. Children are required by law to receive full time education in the school term after they become five. However, in Westminster children start school earlier than this. Children will normally be admitted to Community schools in Westminster in September if their fifth birthday is between 1st September and the end of February, or in January if their fifth birthday is between 1st March and 31st August.

You can, if you prefer, defer your child’s entry by one term in the same academic year to the start of the spring term (in January) or to the start of the summer term (in April). If you wish to do this, when you receive an offer of a place you should contact the school direct to discuss this matter. Most Voluntary-Aided schools similarly admit children into the reception class at two points in the year (September and January).

Christ Church Bentinck, Our Lady of Dolours, St. Augustine’s, St. Saviour’s and St. Vincent de Paul usually admit all reception children in September. However, after consultation with parents and teachers, it may be possible to delay a child’s start if they are particularly young or inexperienced. You should ask about this when you apply to the school.
Westminster co-ordinated admission arrangements

As required by law, for the second year Westminster City Council will coordinate the admissions to all of the maintained schools in Westminster (community and Voluntary-Aided church schools). Coordinated admission arrangements have been introduced to make it easier for parents to apply to primary schools of their choice and increase the number of children being offered a reception place at a school of their preference in the initial offer round.

Each applicant can express up to six preferences for Westminster primary schools in order of preference on the Westminster Common Application Form (CAF). The council will coordinate the admissions process to ensure that no child receives more than one offer of a place at a Westminster primary school (the highest preference for which they are eligible) on 8th May 2007. It is therefore very important that you put your school preferences in the right order.

The Admissions Team at Westminster City Council will pass on details of your application to each of your preferred schools, who will order applicants in accordance with their admission criteria. The Admissions Team will do this for Community schools.

Where a child is eligible to be offered more than one school, the Admissions Team will hold the offer for the highest preference of these schools on the parent’s form and release all other lower preference offers. These places can then be offered to other applicants. All offers for Westminster schools will be made on the same day – 8th May 2007.
Which school?

Deciding your school preferences

Before you decide which schools to apply for and your order of preference, we strongly advise that you read the guidance within this booklet. Information about each school is contained within the schools section (see pages 20-42). The brochure also contains information about the admission criteria for all the Community schools (see page 16) and guidance about the admission arrangements for Voluntary-Aided (church) schools.

Each school also issues its own prospectus (available from schools direct) which gives further information about the school. We would also recommend that you visit each school in which you are interested.

You are strongly advised to name at least three schools on the Westminster CAF and to include all your local Community schools in your preferences. Failure to do so will restrict our ability to offer you a place at a school if your other preferences cannot be met.

Please remember that not all schools give priority to children with siblings already attending the school, and most schools do not give priority to children already attending the school’s nursery. Making an application for a school does not guarantee a place for your child.

All Voluntary-Aided schools (except Soho Parish) have additional supplementary forms to complete, which are available from the schools direct. These schools are listed on page 12 in the section ‘Supplementary Application Forms’. If you are applying for a place at one of these schools you must also complete the school’s supplementary form.

If you want to apply to a primary school outside of Westminster, you must contact the relevant council, who will provide information on their application procedure. If you wish to apply for an independent (private fee-paying) school, you will need to apply to the school direct.

Please remember that most schools will receive more applications than there are places, in which case they will give places first to children who have the highest priority under the school’s admission criteria. The admission criteria for Community schools are listed on page 16.

Voluntary-Aided (church) schools have their own admission criteria and it is important that you check these criteria to see whether your child would be eligible for a place. If applying for a place on religious grounds, you will be required to provide proof of your church attendance and/or religious commitment on the school’s supplementary form. (Please note that if a school is heavily oversubscribed, meeting the admission criteria for an individual school does not guarantee a place.)
How to apply

Westminster common application form

To apply to any school in Westminster, you will need to complete the Westminster Common Application Form (CAF). You can now also apply online. Further information about applying online is given on the inside front cover of this brochure and at www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions.

A copy of the paper form and guidance notes are also enclosed with this brochure. Forms are also available direct from Westminster primary schools and from Westminster School Admissions Team, please call 020 7641 1817. A copy of the form can also be downloaded from Westminster City Council's website at www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions.

On the Westminster CAF you can list up to six preferred schools in order of preference. This means that in the ‘Preference 1’ box you write your first choice of school i.e. the school that you most want your child to go to. In the ‘Preference 2’ box, you write your second preference of school, and so on. If you have any difficulties, please contact the Westminster Admissions Team on 020 7641 1817.

The council will coordinate the admissions process to ensure that no child receives more than one offer of a place at a Westminster primary school (the highest preference for which they are eligible) on the common offer day (8th May 2007). It is therefore very important that you put your school preferences in the right order.

All Voluntary-Aided schools in Westminster (except Soho Parish) also have additional supplementary forms to complete, which are available from the schools direct. These schools are listed in the section ‘Supplementary Application Forms’. If you are applying for a place at one of these schools you must also complete the school’s supplementary form.

You should only include Westminster primary schools on the form. If you wish to apply to schools outside Westminster, you must do this separately – details will be available from the Local Authority within which the school is situated.

You should complete only one Westminster CAF. If you submit more than one CAF, the Admissions Team will try to contact you to confirm which is your preferred application. If it is not possible to contact you, the LA will order your preferred schools by distance, with the closest school as your most preferred school.

You should send the completed CAF to Westminster Admissions Team at City Hall or if you prefer you may hand your completed form into your local primary school who will pass it to the Admissions Team. Forms must be received by the Admissions Team at Westminster City Hall by 5pm on 28th February 2007. Online applications will be accepted up to 11.59pm on this date.

An acknowledgement will be sent to confirm receipt.
Supplementary application forms

All Voluntary-Aided schools (except Soho Parish) have additional supplementary forms to complete which are available from the schools direct. These schools are listed below. These forms are necessary for the school governors to determine whether applicants meet their faith or other criteria. If applying for a place on religious grounds, you will be required to provide proof of your church attendance and/or religious commitment with the school’s supplementary form.

If you are applying for a place at one of these schools you must also complete the school’s supplementary form. Failure to do so will mean that the school governors cannot consider your application.

Schools for which no additional form is needed

Westminster Community Schools
Churchill Gardens Primary, SW1V 3EU
Edward Wilson Primary, W2 5TL
Essendine Primary, W9 2LR
Gateway Primary, NW8 8LN
George Eliot Infant, NW8 0NH
Hallfield Infant, W2 6JJ
Millbank Primary, SW1P 4HR
Paddington Green Primary, W2 1SP
Queen’s Park Primary, W10 4DQ
Robinsfield Infant, NW8 6PX
Wilberforce Primary, W10 4LB

Westminster VA (Church) Schools
Soho Parish CE Primary W1V 7PH

Schools for which an additional supplementary form needs to be completed

Westminster VA (Church) Schools
All Souls CE Primary, W1P 8JJ
Burdett Coutts CE Primary, SW1P 2QQ
Christ Church Bentinck CE Primary, NW1 5NS
Hampden Gurney CE Primary, W1 5AL
Our Lady of Dolours RC Primary, W2 5SR
St. Augustine’s CE Primary, NW6 5SN
St. Barnabas CE Primary, SW1W 8PF
St. Clement Danes CE Primary, WC2B 5SU
St. Edward’s RC Primary, NW1 6LD
St. Gabriel’s CE Primary, SW1V 3AG
St. George’s Hanover Square CE Primary, W1Y 5PD
St. James and St. Michael’s CE Primary, W2 3QD
St. Joseph’s RC Primary, W9 1DF
St. Luke’s CE Primary, W9 3EJ
St. Mary’s Bryanston Square CE Primary, W1 1DL
St. Mary Magdalene’s CE Primary, W2 5TF
St. Mary of the Angels RC Primary, W2 5PR
St. Matthew’s CE Primary, SW1P 2DG
St. Peter’s CE Chippenham Mews Primary, W9 2AV
St. Peter’s Eaton Square CE Primary, SW1V 0NL
St. Saviour’s CE Primary, W9 2JD
St. Stephen’s CE Primary, W2 5QH
St. Vincent’s RC Primary, W1U 4DF
St. Vincent De Paul RC Primary, SW1P 1EP
Westminster Cathedral RC Primary, SW1V 3SE

Schools outside Westminster

If you live in Westminster but would like your child to attend a school elsewhere, you should contact the school you are interested in and the local authority where the school is located, for information on admissions. Other authorities’ arrangements for applications are likely to differ from Westminster’s and you will need to complete that Local Authority’s application form. You may also be required to complete a supplementary form for the school. Contact details for each of the boroughs neighbouring Westminster are given on page 47.
Private/independent (fee-paying) schools

If you wish to consider private or independent schools, further information can be obtained from the Independent Schools' Council Information Service who can be contacted on:
Phone: 087 0343 5363
Email: southeast@iscislse.co.uk
Website: www.findanindependentschool.co.uk

You will usually be required to pay fees to attend such a school.

These schools do not form part of Westminster’s coordinated admission arrangements and you must apply to them direct.

Changes of preference

If you wish to change the order of preference of schools listed on your application form, you must do so in writing before the closing date of 28th February 2007. It is not possible to make any changes after this closing date.

Children with a statement of special educational needs

If your child has a statement of Special Educational Needs, different procedures apply and you should not complete the Westminster Common Application form. Please contact the Westminster Special Educational Needs Team on 020 641 5351 or 020 641 5353.
How your application will be considered

Procedure for dealing with applications

Westminster Admissions Team will send a list of applications received by the closing date to each Voluntary-Aided school. The governors of the school will then rank applicants in accordance with their admission criteria and return the list to the Admissions Team. The Admissions Team (in consultation with school staff) will rank applicants for each Community school in accordance with the published admission criteria for Westminster Community schools. The Admissions Team will not tell any school about your other school preferences or share preference information with them.

The Admissions Team will then check all lists to see if any child would be offered more than one school place, in which case the child will only be offered the highest preference of these schools. All other potential lower preference offers will then be offered to other applicants.

All offers for Westminster schools will be made on the same day – 8th May 2007.

When will I hear about the outcome of my application?

If your application is received by the closing date of 28th February 2007, you will be sent notification of the outcome on 8th May 2007. Westminster City Council will send you a letter advising you of the outcome of your application. Online applicants will be able to view their application outcome from 9th May 2007.

You will also receive a letter from the school that can offer you a place. The school will ask you to confirm that you wish to accept the place offered in writing by 21st May. Failure to do so may result in the place being withdrawn.

In addition, any Voluntary-Aided schools that are unable to offer you a place will write to tell you why your application has been unsuccessful and to advise about waiting list and appeal procedures. (Westminster Admissions Team will do this on behalf of Community schools.)

If your form is received after 28th February 2007, it will only be considered after the initial offer date of 8th May 2007.

Proof of address and date of birth

When offering a place, the school will also request evidence of your home address and child’s date of birth. Please note if you are not able to provide an acceptable form of proof of address your application may become invalid and the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

Acceptable forms of proof of address are as follows: Council Tax Bill, Council/Housing Association tenancy agreement, Child Benefit book/notification. The evidence provided must be dated no more than six months prior to the offer letter. Acceptable forms of proof of date of birth are as follows: birth certificate, passport, immigration document, child benefit book/notification (where date of birth shown), baptismal certificate. Original documents only should be submitted – photocopies are not acceptable.

Please note that giving any false or deliberately misleading information on the CAF, school supplementary form and/or supporting information may render this application invalid, or lead to the offer of a place being withdrawn.

Apply online at www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions
Waiting lists

Applicants’ names will be included on waiting lists for schools that have been named as a higher preference than the one offered. For example, if a child has been offered their third preference school, they will be included on the waiting list for their first and second preference schools. Applicants’ names will not normally be included on waiting lists for schools that were a lower preference than the one offered. The school or Westminster Admissions Team (for Community schools) may also contact you to confirm whether you wish to remain on the waiting list for a particular school.

All places on the waiting list are ordered in accordance with the published admission criteria for each school and will be offered to children as vacancies arise. After the initial offer day of 8th May 2006, the Admissions Team will offer any places that arise at Community schools and the school governors will decide who is offered any subsequent vacancies at Voluntary-Aided schools in line with the published admission criteria and waiting list ranking.

If you have difficulty in obtaining a reception class place for your child, contact the Admissions Team on 020 7641 1817 for assistance.

Applications received after the closing date of 28th February 2007

If you apply for a reception class place after the published closing date, your application will only be considered after the offer date of 8th May 2007. Your child’s name will then be added to the waiting list together with unsuccessful applicants considered in the initial allocation round. See above for how waiting lists are operated.

If you are interested in a Voluntary-Aided school you should contact the school(s) directly to make an application. If you are interested in a Community school, please contact the Admissions Team on 020 7641 1817 who will be working closely with the Community schools to manage their waiting lists until January.

Appealing against admission decisions

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place at your preferred school, you have the legal right to appeal to an independent appeal panel. Details of your right of appeal will be included in the letter from the school (or the council for Community schools).

Since September 2001, subject to certain very limited exceptions, infant classes (that is, reception, Year 1 and Year 2) have not been allowed by law to contain more than 30 pupils if the class has only one teacher. The power of appeal panels to uphold appeals in these circumstances is very limited. They will only be able to uphold your appeal if they consider that the decision to refuse your child was unreasonable in legal terms or if an error occurred in carrying out the school’s admission arrangements which prevented your child being offered a place.

Please note there is no formal right of appeal concerning admission to nursery schools or classes.

More detailed information about appeals is available from the Admissions Team on 020 7641 1817. Guidance will also be provided with your appeal form should you decide to pursue this right.
Admission Criteria

Admission to Westminster Community schools

The information about each school on pages 20-42 states how many children will be able to start each year. This figure refers to the number of children who may be in the reception class by the spring term.

If there are more applicants than places for any school, places will be first allocated to children with statements of special educational needs which name the school with the agreement of Westminster LA, then in the following order of priority:

1) Children who are in public care
2) Children with exceptional medical, social, or other need that can only be met by providing a place at the particular school concerned rather than any other school (to be decided in consultation with the Director for Schools in each case)
3) Children with a sibling at the school at the time of admission. A sibling is defined as a brother or sister, half brother or sister, or step brother or sister whose main residence is at the same address. Please note sibling priority only applies to children with sibling(s) at the school in Years R-6 at the time of admission but not nursery.
4) Children for whom it is the nearest Community primary school
5) Children for whom it is not the nearest Community primary school.

Within categories 4) and 5) above, priority will be given to those children who live nearest to the school, measured by the shortest walking route.

Applications made under criteria 1) and 2) will only be considered if supporting evidence from an appropriate professional (e.g. doctor or social worker) is attached to the LA’s application form.

* In the case of the reception classes at Robinsfield, George Eliot and Hallfield Infant Schools this priority also extends to applicants with a sibling attending Barrow Hill, George Eliot or Hallfield Juniors respectively.
Admission to Voluntary-Aided schools

All the Voluntary-Aided schools in the City of Westminster have religious affiliations, either Church of England or Roman Catholic, and this is reflected in each school’s admission criteria. The following is some general guidance about the type of criteria which Voluntary-Aided schools may use in deciding which applicants should be given priority. This is general information, and it is very important that if you are considering applying to a Voluntary-Aided school you ask the school for a copy of its prospectus, so that you can see the full admissions arrangements for that school.

In general, church schools’ criteria often include some measure of priority to applicants who can provide evidence of the following:

- regular attendance at a local church. ‘Regular attendance’ can vary from one school to another, but usually means somewhere between weekly and monthly attendance
- proof of baptism
- children who are in public care
- children from neighbouring parishes
- children from the wider Christian community
- children from other world faiths
- other children, often priority will be given to those children who live nearest to the school.

Individual schools vary as to whether they give any measure of priority to children who have a brother or sister already attending the school. Some Voluntary-Aided (church) schools do not include any priority for siblings in their arrangements.

Where parents are seeking a place for their child on the basis of commitment to a Christian or other faith, parents will be expected to obtain some form of written proof (specified by the school) from their priest or religious leader.

Some schools may give priority in very exceptional cases to children with a medical or social need to attend that particular school. Parents should note that this usually means they will be expected to show that there are very strong reasons for their child to go to that particular school. This will have to be supported by a letter from a doctor, social worker or other professional person at the time the parent makes the application.

Parents whose children are accepted at a Voluntary-Aided (church) primary school should note that attending such a school does not always give priority at the age of 11 for transfer to a secondary school of the same religious denomination.
Key dates

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Starting school

Once you have accepted a place, you will need to make all the necessary arrangements for your child to start school, such as signing parental agreements or attending parents’ sessions. The school will tell you what you need to do.

You should notify the school of any change of address during the application process so that they can get in touch with you if they need to.

If your child attends nursery school, let the nursery or school know which primary schools you have applied to and after you have found out the result of your applications tell them which primary school you have decided on.

Commitment and support

When your child starts primary or nursery school, the school will expect you to show a commitment to your child’s education throughout their time at school and to confirm your support for the values and beliefs set out by the school.
Nursery and primary schools in Westminster

Nursery schools

Dorothy Gardner Nursery Centre
Address: 293 Shirland Road, W9 3JY
Phone: 020 7641 5870
Acting head of centre: Maggie Ross
Nearest underground station: Queen’s Park (B)
The centre is run in conjunction with Children’s Services and offers integrated care and education.

Mary Paterson Nursery School
Address: 13 Riverton Close, (off Ashmore Road) W9 3DS
Phone: 020 7641 5804
Headteacher: Ms S. Gambol
Nearest underground station: Queen’s Park (B)

Portman Early Childhood Centre
Address: 12–18 Salisbury Street, NW8 8DE
Phone: 020 7641 5435
Headteacher: Ms J. White
Nearest underground station: Edgware Road (B)
The centre, which is run in conjunction with Children’s Services and Church Street Sure Start, offers integrated care and education and family support services for children and their families.

Tachbrook Nursery School
Address: Aylesford Street, SW1V 3RT
Phone: 020 7641 8725
Headteacher: Ms T. Robson
Nearest underground station: Pimlico (V)
Primary schools

All Souls’ CE (Voluntary-Aided) N I J

Address: Foley Street, W1W 7JJ  
Phone: 020 7641 4707  
Fax: 020 7641 4703

Website: www.allsouls.westminster.sch.uk  
Email: head.all-souls.westminster@lgfl.net  
Acting Headteacher: Alix Ascough  
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 218

Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 30  
Nursery places: 20 full time, 11 part time

Nearest underground stations: Goodge Street (N), Warren Street (N, V)

All Souls is located between Regent Street, Oxford Street and Tottenham Court Road. First priority is given to members of the local Anglican Church, followed by members of other local Christian Churches. Some priority is given to children with a brother or sister already in the school, and to nursery pupils.

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 54 applications by the closing date. On the initial offer day, places were offered to five children whose parents were committed members and regular worshippers at All Souls church and one child whose parent is a committed member and regular attender at another local church. Thirteen places were offered to children with siblings already attending the school, six to other children already attending the nursery at the school with the remainder of places offered on the basis of proximity to the school.

Ark Academy

Plans are well-advanced to open an infant school at Penfold Street, NW8, in September 2007. The school, which will be located on the site of the former North Westminster Community School, will form part of a new, all-age (3-19) academy. The academy will have two forms of entry and will be designed on a model of schools-within-schools. The infant school plans to admit up to 60 children to the reception class for the 2007/08 school year. Once decisions regarding the opening of the school have been finalised, applicants will need to apply on the Westminster Common Application Form. The new school will provide exciting opportunities for local children and for the community. Full details will be made available towards the end of September 2006. Until then, we would recommend that parents/carers who wish to consider applying for a place at the academy should delay the submission of their application form until the end of September 2006.

Delaying the submission of your application will not affect your right to apply for places at any other school as there is no advantage gained through the early submission of an application.
Barrow Hill Junior (Community School) J

Address: Bridgeman Street, NW8 7AL  
Phone: 020 7641 5005  
Fax: 020 7641 5014  
Website: www.barrow-hill.westminster.lgfl.net  
Email: barrowhillschool@mail.com  
Headteacher: Michael Matthews  
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 222  
Admission Number for Year 3 Intake 2007/08: 60  
Nearest underground station: St. John’s Wood (J)

Barrow Hill is in St. John’s Wood, a few minutes walk from Regent’s Park. Children are admitted from the beginning of Key Stage 2, that is, in the September following their seventh birthday. The admission criteria are those agreed by the council for all its Community schools, but first priority is given to children on the roll of Robinsfield Infant School, and sibling priority includes children with a brother or sister at Robinsfield Infant School.

Burdett Coutts and Townshend Foundation CE (Voluntary-Aided) N I J

Address: Rochester Street, SW1P 2QQ  
Phone: 020 7641 5930  
Fax: 020 7641 6386  
Website: www.burdettcoutts.westminster.lgfl.net  
Email: office.burdettcoutts.westminster@lgfl.net  
Headteacher: Revd John Hicks  
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 352  
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 54  
Nursery places: 13 full time, 24 part time (25 FTE)  
Nearest underground stations: St. James’s Park (D, O), Victoria (V, D, O)

First priority is given to children of regular worshippers at St. Stephen and St. John Westminster, followed by children of families of regular Christian worshippers who live in this and certain other surrounding parishes. Some priority is given to brothers and sisters, then other applicants are considered for any remaining places.

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 148 applications by the closing date. The criteria under which successful applicants were accepted is as follows: 14 children were offered a place as a regular worshipper at St. Stephen and St. John Westminster, and 19 places were offered to children who had siblings at the school. The remaining 21 successful applicants lived closest to the school.
Year 5/6 History - The Ancient Greeks; Greek masks close-up, Our Lady of Dolours School
Christ Church Bentinck CE (Voluntary-Aided) N I J

Address: Cosway Street, NW1 5NS
Phone: 020 7641 4135
Fax: 020 7641 5442
Email: ccbentinck@yahoo.co.uk
Headteacher: Sandra Tyrrell
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 295
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 30
Nursery places: 40 part time (20 FTE)
Nearest underground stations: Marylebone (B), Edgware Road (B, H, C, O)
The school is close to Marylebone and Edgware Road stations and is within the Parish of St. Paul’s Church, Rossmore Road. Priority is given to practising members of the Church of England living in the Parish and children with siblings at the school, thereafter, to those living adjacent to the Parish. Applications from families of other world religions or none, whose parents are sympathetic to the aims and ethos of a Church of England school are considered for any remaining places.

For admission to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 90 applications by the closing date. Two places were offered to children with special educational needs; 24 were given to brothers or sisters of pupils currently at the school; four places went to children from families of other world religions or none, whose parents were sympathetic to the aims and ethos of the school.

Churchill Gardens (Community School) N I J

Address: Ranelagh Road, SW1 3EU
Phone: 020 7641 5935
Fax: 020 7641 6388
Website: http://website.churchillgardens.westminster.sch.uk
Email: schooloffice@churchillgardens.westminster.sch.uk
Headteacher: Stephen Pye
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 278
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 30
Nursery places: 20 full time, 20 part time (30 FTE)
Nearest underground station: Pimlico (V)
Churchill Gardens is in Pimlico, close to Churchill Gardens Estate and Pimlico Secondary School. The admission criteria are those agreed by the council for all its Community schools (see page 16). Children are admitted to reception either in September or January depending on the date of their fifth birthday (see page 8). The school has an after-school play centre.

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 109 applications by the closing date. 20 places were given to children with a brother or sister attending the school, one place was offered to a child with an exceptional social or medical priority and the remaining nine places were given to children for whom the school is the nearest Community school. The furthest distance a child lived who was offered a place for whom the school was the nearest Community school was 690 metres.
Edward Wilson (Community School) N I J

Address: Senior Street, W2 5TL
Phone: 020 7641 4303
Fax: 020 7641 4317
Email: office.edward-wilson.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Debra Okitikpi
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 413
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 56
Nursery places: 40 full time, 20 part time (50 FTE)
Nearest underground station: Royal Oak (H)

Edward Wilson is just off Harrow Road and Westway, close to Maida Vale Library and Little Venice. The admission criteria are those agreed by the council for all its Community schools (see page 16). Children are admitted to reception either in September or January depending on the date of their fifth birthday (see page 8). The school has an after-school play centre and facilities for visually impaired children.

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 146 applications by the closing date. On the initial day, under Westminster’s coordinated arrangements all applicants were offered a place at the school or offered a higher preference school.

Essendine (Community School) N I J

Address: Essendine Road, W9 2LR
Phone: 020 7641 4382
Fax: 020 7641 4316
Website: www.essendine.westminster.sch.uk
Email: office.essendine.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Ken Battye
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 495
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 60
Nursery places: 30 full time, 45 part time
Nearest underground station: Maida Vale (B)

Essendine is close to Paddington Recreation Ground and Maida Vale Library. The admission criteria are those agreed by the council for all its Community schools (see page 16). Children are admitted to reception either in September or January depending on the date of their fifth birthday (see page 8). The school has an after-school play centre.

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 198 applications by the closing date. On the initial offer day, 33 places were allocated to children with a brother or sister attending the school and one place was offered for a child with an exceptional social or medical priority. The remaining 26 places were given to children for whom the school was the nearest Community school. The furthest distance a child lived who was offered a place for whom the school was the nearest Community school was 740 metres.
Gateway (Community School) N I J

Address: Capland Street, NW8 8LN
Phone: 020 7641 4160
Fax: 020 7641 5466
Website: www.gatewayprimary.co.uk
Email: office.gateway.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Keith Duggan

Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 535
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 90
Nursery places: 30 full time, 45 part time
Nearest underground stations: Marylebone (B), Edgware Road (B, M, D, O)

Gateway is located on Lisson Grove in the area bordered by Edgware Road and St. John’s Wood Road. Regent’s Park is nearby. The admission criteria are those agreed by the council for all its Community schools (see page 16). Children are admitted to reception in September and January (see page 8).

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 236 applications by the closing date. On the initial offer day, 38 places were allocated to children with a brother or sister attending the school with the remaining 52 places offered for children for whom the school was the nearest Community school. The furthest distance a child lived who was offered a place for whom the school was the nearest Community school was 590 metres.

George Eliot Infant (Community School) N I

Address: Marlborough Hill, NW8 0NH
Phone: 020 7722 2000
Fax: 020 7586 0405
Email: office.george-eliot-inf.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Erika James

Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 214
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 60
Nursery places: 50 part time (25 FTE)
Nearest underground stations: Swiss Cottage (J), St. John’s Wood (J)

George Eliot Infant School is off Finchley Road, next door to George Eliot Junior school and near to Quintin Kynaston Secondary School. The main entrance to the school is in Boundary Road. The admission criteria are those agreed by the council for all its Community schools (see page 16), but priority is also given to children with a brother or sister at George Eliot Junior school. Children are admitted to reception in September or January depending on the date of their fifth birthday (see page 8).

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 128 applications by the closing date. On the initial offer day, 29 places were allocated to children with a brother or sister attending the school (or George Eliot Junior School) with the remaining 31 places offered for children for whom the school was the nearest Community school. The furthest distance a child lived who was offered a place for whom the school was the nearest Community school was 1.64 kilometres.

Apply online at www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions
George Eliot Junior (Community School) J

Address: Marlborough Hill, NW8 0NH
Phone: 020 7722 6870
Fax: 020 7483 0239
Email: office.george-eliot-jnr.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Beatrix Simpson
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 219
Admission Number for Year 3 Intake 2007/08: 60
Nearest underground stations: Swiss Cottage (J), John’s Wood (J)

George Eliot Junior School is off Finchley Road next door to George Eliot Infant school and near to Quintin Kynaston Secondary School. Children are admitted from the beginning of year 3, that is, in the September following their seventh birthday. The admission criteria are those agreed by the council for all its Community schools (see page 16), but first priority is given to children on the roll of George Eliot Infant School, and sibling priority includes children with a brother or sister at George Eliot Infant School.

Hallfield Infant (Community School) N I

Address: Hallfield Estate, W2 6JJ
Phone: 020 7641 6235
Fax: 020 7641 6236
Website: www.hallfield-inf.westminster.sch.uk
Email: office@hallfield-inf.westminster.sch.uk
Headteacher: Philip Eaton
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 358
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 90
Nursery places: 48 full time, 60 part time (78 FTE)
Nearest underground stations: Bayswater (D, O), Queensway (C), Royal Oak (M)

Hallfield Infant School is in Bayswater, next door to Hallfield Junior School. Paddington Library is nearby. The admission criteria are those agreed by the council for all it’s Community schools (see page 16), but priority is also given to children with a brother or sister at Hallfield Junior School. Children are admitted in September or January depending on the date of their fifth birthday (see page 8).

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 178 applications by the closing date. On the initial offer day, two places were allocated to children with an exceptional social or medical need for the school and 42 places were offered to children with a brother or sister attending the school. 20 places were given to pupils for whom the school was the nearest Community school, with the remaining 26 places allocated on the basis of proximity to the school. The furthest distance a child, offered a place under the distance criteria, lived from the school was 2.75 kilometres.
Year 4 Mosaic display close-up, Gateway Primary School
Hallfield Junior (Community School) J

Address: Hallfield Estate, W2 6JJ
Phone: 020 7641 6230
Fax: 020 7641 6231
Website: www.hallfield-jun.westminster.sch.uk
Email: office.hallfield-jnr.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Judith Grigg
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 337
Admission Number for Year 3 Intake 2007/08: 90
Nearest underground stations: Bayswater (D,O), Queensway (C), Royal Oak (M)
Hallfield Junior School is in Bayswater, next door to Hallfield Infant School. Paddington Library is nearby. The
admission criteria are those agreed by the council for all its Community schools (see page 16), but first priority
is given to children on the roll of Hallfield Infant School, and sibling priority includes children with a brother or
sister at Hallfield Infant School. Children are admitted from the beginning of Key Stage 2, that is, in the
September following their seventh birthday.

Hampden Gurney CE (Voluntary-Aided) N I J Beacon Status

Address: Nutford Close, W1H 5HA
Phone: 020 7641 4195
Fax: 020 7641 5468
Website: www.hampdengurneyschool.co.uk
Email: office.hampden-gurney.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Evelyn Chua
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 219
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 30
Nursery places: 30 full time
Nearest underground stations: Marble Arch (C), Edgware Road (B, D, M, O)
First priority is given to Christians living in the Parish of the Annunciation who worship regularly. Some priority is
also given to regular Christian worshippers who live in other areas, and to baptised members of the Church
of England and other Christian Communions. Applicants with a sibling in the school, and others whose parents
wish them to have a Christian education also receive some priority if places remain.

For admissions to the Reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 129 applications by the closing
date. One place was reserved for a child with a Statement of Special Education Needs. The remaining places
were offered, in accordance with the school’s admission criteria, as follows: two places to Church of England
families attending the parish church; 19 places to Church of England families resident within the parish –
including seven families with siblings in the school; two places to Church of England families who attend
church outside the parish and six places offered to baptised Christians of other Christian Communions.

Apply online at www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions
Millbank (Community School) N I J

Address: Erasmus Street, SW1P 4HR
Phone: 020 7641 5945
Fax: 020 7641 5946
Website: www.millbank.westminster.sch.uk
Email: office.millbank.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Alyson Russen

Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 275
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 45
Nursery places: 25 full time
Nearest underground station: Pimlico (V)

Millbank School is near to the Tate Gallery and the Grosvenor Estate. Pimlico Secondary School is nearby. The school has a breakfast club, an after-school play centre and has been equipped throughout with a sound field system for the hearing impaired. The admission criteria are those agreed by the council for all its Community schools (see page 16). Children are admitted in September or January depending on the date of their fifth birthday (see page 8).

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 118 applications by the closing date. On the initial offer day, one place was allocated to a child with an exceptional social or medical need for the school and 22 places were offered to children with a brother or sister attending the school. 17 places were given to pupils for whom the school was the nearest Community school, with the remaining five places allocated on the basis of proximity to the school. The furthest distance a child, offered a place under the distance criteria, lived from the school was 1.02 kilometres.

Our Lady of Dolours RC
(Voluntary-Aided) N I J Beacon School

Address: 19 Cirencester Street, W2 5SR
Phone: 020 7641 4326
Fax: 020 7641 4389
Website: www.ourladydolours.westminster.sch.uk
Email: office@ourladydolours.westminster.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mary Wilson

Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 332
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 45
Nursery places: 32 full time
Nearest underground station: Royal Oak (H)

Our Lady of Dolours is situated off the Harrow Road and gives priority to baptised Catholic children who attend the parish churches of Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Vincent de Paul. Priority is then given to baptised Catholic children from other parishes. Siblings are then considered followed by baptised Christian children in the local area. Children who are accepted for reception start in September although starting in January will be considered in certain circumstances after consultation with parents. The school has two reception classes and each has a teacher and a qualified Nursery Nurse. The school has a breakfast club for children aged five and upwards.

For admission to the reception classes in 2006/07 there were 84 applicants. 17 places were given to baptised Catholic children attending Our Lady of Sorrow and Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Vincent de Paul and 13 places were given to baptised Catholic children attending other parishes. 10 places were given to children form other Christian faiths and five places were given to children of other faiths. All children with older siblings in the school received a place in this round of admissions to reception.

Apply online at www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions
Paddington Green (Community School) N I J

Address: Park Place Villas, W2 1SP  
Phone: 020 7641 4122  
Fax: 020 7641 4181  
Email: office.paddington-green.westminster@lgfl.net  
Headteacher: Christine Elmer  
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 388  
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 60  
Nursery places: 35 part time (70 FTE)  
Nearest underground stations: Warwick Avenue (B), Edgware Road (B, D, M, O)  

Paddington Green School is near the junction of Harrow Road and Edgware Road, and Paddington Station is nearby. The admission criteria are those agreed by the council for all its Community schools (see page 16). Children are admitted to reception in September and January (see page 8). The school has an after-school play centre. For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 171 applications by the closing date. On the initial day, under Westminster’s coordinated arrangements all applicants were offered a place at the school or offered a higher preference school.

Queen’s Park (Community School) N I J

Address: Droop Street, W10 4DQ  
Phone: 020 7641 5860  
Fax: 020 7641 5826  
Email: office.queens-park.westminster@lgfl.net  
Headteacher: Barbara Mayne  
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 305  
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 42  
Nursery places: 50 part time (25 per session)  
Nearest underground station: Queen’s Park (B)  

Queen’s Park Primary School is close to Harrow Road, near the border between Westminster, Brent and Kensington and Chelsea. Queen’s Park Library is nearby. The admission criteria are those agreed by the council for all its Community schools (see page 16). Children are admitted to reception in September and January (see page 8).

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 110 applications by the closing date. On the initial offer day, 16 places were offered to children with a brother or sister attending the school and 15 places were allocated to pupils for whom the school was the nearest Community school. The remaining places were allocated on the basis of proximity to the school up to a distance of 2.63 kilometres.
Robinsfield Infant (Community School) N I

Address: Ordnance Hill, NW8 6PX
Phone: 020 7641 5019
Fax: 020 7641 5035
Website: www.robinsfield.westminster.sch.uk
email: office.robinsfield.westminster@lgfl.net
Acting headteacher: Jessica Bailey
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 245
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 60
Nursery places: 16 full time, 48 part time (40 FTE)
Nearest underground station: St. John’s Wood (J)

Robinsfield is in St. John’s Wood between Finchley Road and Primrose Hill, near to Regent’s Park. The admission criteria are those agreed by the council for all its Community schools (see page 16), but priority is also given to children with a brother or sister at Barrow Hill Junior school. Children are admitted to reception in September and January (see page 8).

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 201 applications by the closing date. On the initial offer day, 29 places were offered to children with a brother or sister attending the school (or Barrow Hill Junior School) and 21 places were allocated to children for whom the school was the nearest Community school. The remaining ten places were allocated on the basis of proximity to the school up to a distance of 1.02 kilometres.

Soho Parish CE (Voluntary-Aided) EYU I J

Address: 23 Great Windmill Street, W1D 7LF
Phone: 020 7641 7311
Fax: 020 7641 7334
Website: www.soho-parish.westminster.lgfl.net
email: office.soho-parish.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Rachel Earnshaw
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 149
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 22
Nursery places: 8 FTE
Nearest underground station: Piccadilly Circus (B, P)

The school’s primary catchment area is Soho, bounded by Charing Cross Road, Regent Street, Oxford Street and Shaftesbury Avenue/China Town/Leicester Square. Priority for admission is given to siblings of children already attending the school; other children are then allocated places in order of distance from home to school. The school has a breakfast club and after-school play centre. Children start in the September following their fourth birthday. Parents need to make a separate application for a reception class place on the common application form by 28th February 2007. Once a place has been offered in reception, there are arrangements for the take-up of the place to be delayed in individual cases until the child is five if appropriate.

For admissions for the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 77 applications by the closing date. 13 places were given to children with a brother or sister attending the school. The remaining 9 places were allocated based on distance from home to school. The furthest distance a child lived from the school who was offered a place was 0.61 kilometres.

Apply online at www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions
St. Augustine’s CE (Voluntary-Aided) N I J

Address: Kilburn Park Road, NW6 5XA
Phone: 020 7328 0221
Fax: 020 7372 0251
email: office.st-augustines-prim.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Suzanne Parry
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 254
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 30
Nursery places: 50 part time (25 FTE)
Nearest underground station: Kilburn Park (B)

St. Augustine’s admits children in September only, giving priority firstly to regular attendees of St. Augustine’s Church, Kilburn Park Road or other Anglican churches, secondly to regular attendees of other Christian churches, thirdly to those living in the local community who attend St. Augustine’s or another Anglican church less than twice a month and fourthly to those living in the local community who attend other Christian churches less than twice a month. Priority is then given to families with siblings in the school, followed by regular attendees of other faiths, then those living nearest the school. The school has an after-school play centre. For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 91 applications by the closing date.

For September 2006 admission, one child was accepted who regularly attends St. Augustine’s Church, two who regularly attend other Anglican churches and two who regularly attend other Christian churches. Seven were siblings and seven were regular attendees of other faiths. The remaining 11 places were allocated on distance from the school.

St. Barnabas CE (Voluntary-Aided) ER I J

Address: St. Barnabas Street, Pimlico, SW1W 8PF
Phone: 020 7641 4232
Fax: 020 7641 4229
Website: www.st-barnabas.westminster.lgfl.net
Email: office.st-barnabas.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Ann Townshend
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 137
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 23
Nursery places: 50 part time (25 FTE)
Nearest underground stations: Sloane Square (D, O), Victoria (V, D, O)

The main priority is to children from families who regularly attend St. Barnabas Church or other Anglican churches in St. Margaret’s Deanery. After this, priority is given to children with siblings at the school and to children who live in the Parish or whose families are active in other Christian denominations or belong to other faiths. The majority of children attending the school live in the locality. The school has been equipped throughout with a sound field system for the hearing impaired.

For admission to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 31 applications by the closing date. Two places were offered to children who regularly attend St. Barnabas Church and other Anglican churches in St. Margaret’s Deanery. Ten children with a sibling already attending the school were offered places and eleven places were offered to children of other Christian denomination or faiths.
St. Clement Danes CE (Voluntary-Aided) N I J

Address: Drury Lane, WC2B 5SU
Phone: 020 7641 6586
Fax: 020 7641 6556
Website: http://website.st-clementdanes.westminster.sch.uk/
Email: office.st-clement-danes.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Lena O’Sullivan
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 211
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 30
Nursery places: 25 full time

Nearest underground stations: Holborn (C, P), Charing Cross (N, B)
First priority is given to children in public care who demonstrate a need to attend the school after consultation with the Chair of Governors and the LA. Whilst children of other faiths are welcome, those whose parents or carers live within the boundary and regularly worship at the Parish Church (St. Mary Le-Strand), will have precedence over other children. After this, priority is given to siblings or a child/children attending the school or nursery at the time of application. The school has an after-school play centre for a limited number of children attending the school.

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 48 applications by the closing date. 12 places were given to children with a sibling in the school. Seven places were offered to children who had attended the nursery class and the remaining 11 were allocated to other children.

St. Edward’s RC (Voluntary-Aided) N I J

Address: Lisson Grove, NW1 6LH
Phone: 020 7723 5911
Fax: 020 7723 5250
Email: office.st-edwards.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Maureen Donnelly
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 429
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 60
Nursery places: 20 full time, 20 part time (30 FTE)

Nearest underground stations: Marylebone (B) Baker Street (B, J, M, O, H, C), Edgware Road (B, O, D, H)
St. Edward’s admits children in September and January. First priority is given to Looked After Children from Catholic families. Second priority will be given to baptised Catholic children from practising Catholic families who are resident in the Parishes of Our Lady’s, St. John’s Wood and Our Lady of the Rosary, Marylebone. Third priority is to baptised Catholics from a practising Catholic family who live outside these parishes, followed by other baptised Catholic children. Any remaining places are then allocated to Christians of other denominations, children of other faiths, and then any other applicants.

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year there were 118 applicants by the closing date. On the initial offer day, 43 places were allocated to Catholic families, four to Christians of other denominations, two to children of other faiths and two to other applicants.
St. Gabriel’s CE (Voluntary-Aided) IJ BS

Address: Churchill Gardens, SW1V 3AG
Phone: 020 7641 6300
Fax: 020 7641 6334
Website: www.st-gabriels.westminster.lgfl.net
Email: office.st-gabriels.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Sue McMahon

Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 210
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 30

Nearest underground station: Pimlico (V)

St. Gabriel’s School admits up to 30 children in each year group, giving priority to those families who are committed members of and regularly worship at St. Gabriel’s Church or at other Anglican churches, or are regular worshippers of another Christian denomination as defined by the council of Churches for Britain and Ireland. Siblings are also given priority.

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 94 applications by the closing date. On the initial offer day, six places were offered to families who worshipped at least once a month at other Christian churches, three places were allocated to baptised Anglicans and two places were allocated to baptised Christians. Nine places were allocated to children with a brother or sister currently attending the school. Four places were given to children whose siblings or parent had previously attended the school, with the remaining six places offered to children whose parents wished them to attend because of religious beliefs.

St. George’s Hanover Square CE (Voluntary-Aided) I J

Address: South Street, W1K 2XH
Phone: 020 7629 1196
Fax: 020 7641 4021
Website: www.sghs.westminster.lgfl.net
Email: office.sghs.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Malcolm Lothian

Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 204
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 30

Nearest underground stations: Marble Arch (C), Hyde Park Corner (P), Bond Street (C, J), Green Park (J, P, V)

Priority is given to children whose parents are committed Christians and regularly worship at St. George’s Church, Hanover Square, W1 or at neighbouring Anglican churches. Children who have a brother or sister attending the school and live within the parish are also given priority. The school is usually over-subscribed and parents are recommended to make applications to other schools as well.

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 82 applications by the closing date. All successful applicants had proof of Church attendance, with three places offered to children whose parents are committed Christians and worship at least monthly at St. George’s Church, Hanover Square or the Grosvenor Chapel. Two places were offered to children who have a brother or sister attending the school and live within the parish and nine places were allocated to children with a brother or sister at the school who live outside of the parish. Eleven places were offered to children whose parents are regular worshippers in a neighbouring Anglican church, three places to children of other Christian denominations living in the parish with the remaining two places offered to children of other Christian denominations who live outside of the parish.
St. James’ and St. Michael’s CE (Voluntary-Aided) EYU I J

Address: Craven Terrace, W2 3QD
Phone: 020 7641 6218
Fax: 020 7641 6220
Email: office.sghs.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Valerie De Angelis
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 178
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 25
Nursery places: 25 full time
Nearest underground stations: Lancaster Gate (C), Paddington (D, O, B, H)
The school’s criteria give preference to children attending the Churches of St. James’ Sussex Gardens and St. John’s Hyde Park, and other Christian children, with some priority then being given to siblings. In practice, the school takes children from many faiths and is proud to be a Community school. The school has an after-school play centre. St. James’ and St. Michael’s CE School has a newly opened Early Years Unit comprising a nursery class and a reception class. The school admits children twice yearly in September and January. Children are admitted into the nursery at the age of three. Children are admitted into the reception in the academic year that they turn five. Each class is staffed with a teacher, a nursery nurse and a classroom assistant. Although most children move from the nursery to the reception class there is no automatic right to do so, therefore parents will need to make a separate application for reception on the common application form by 28th February 2007, and complete the school’s supplementary form. Once a place has been offered in reception, if appropriate, there are arrangements for the take up of the place to be delayed until the child is five.

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 43 applications by the closing date. On the initial day, under Westminster’s coordinated arrangements all applicants were offered a place at the school or offered a higher preference school.

St. Joseph’s RC (Voluntary-Aided) N I J Beacon Status

Address: Lanark Road, W9 1DF
Phone: 020 7286 3518
Fax: 020 7286 2303
Website: www.st-josephs.westminster.sch.uk
Email: office.st-josephs.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Danny McDonald
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 324
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 44
Nursery places: 40 full time
Nearest underground station: Maida Vale (B)
First priority is given to baptised Catholic children with a brother or sister in the school, although families who have moved to an address outside the agreed boundaries will not necessarily be considered under this criterion. After siblings, priority is given to baptised Catholic children living in the Parish of St. John’s Wood, followed by baptised Catholic children in the agreed boundaries of W9.

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 163 applications by the closing date. On the initial offer day, 22 Catholic children with a brother or sister in the school were offered a place, then 22 Catholic children living in the parish of St. John’s Wood and Catholic children in the agreed boundaries of W9. Two children were offered a place over the admission number under special consideration.
St. Luke’s CE (Voluntary-Aided) I J
Address: Fernhead Road, W9 3EJ
Telephone: 020 7641 5855
Fax: 020 7286 2303
Email: office.st-lukes.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Barbara Dunn
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 183
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 29
Nearest underground station: Queens Park (B)
The school serves the Parish of St. Luke’s, West Kilburn and the admissions criteria are based on children living in the immediate local area. Please contact the school for details of this area. First priority is given to children whose parents regularly worship in an Anglican church, followed by those whose parents regularly worship in churches of other Christian denominations. Priority is then given to children whose brothers and sisters are already in the school, followed by children who do not meet any of the previous criteria but who live close to the school. The Governors reserve the right to allocate up to three places at their discretion for children with documented medical or social need who would benefit from attending the school.

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 46 applications by the closing date. Six places were offered to children of families who worship in Anglican churches or churches of other denominations and five places were allocated to children with siblings at the school. The remaining places were offered to other children who live close to the school.

St. Mary Magdalene CE (Voluntary-Aided) N I J
Address: Rowington Close, Warwick Estate, W2 5TF
Telephone: 020 7641 4388 / 020 7641 4395
Fax: 020 7641 4327
Website: www.st-marymagdalene.westminster.sch.uk
Email: office.st-mary-magdalene.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Denise Paramore
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 225
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 30
Nursery places: 25 full time, 10 part time (30 FTE)
Nearest underground stations: Royal Oak (H), Warwick Avenue (B)
The school is situated within the ecclesiastical parish of St. Mary Magdalene, Paddington, and priority is given to children who are regular worshippers at this Church. Priority is then given to children with a brother or sister already at the school, followed by children who live within the parish and whose parents regularly worship at other Christian churches.

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 65 applications by the closing date. On the initial offer day, one child whose parents are regular worshippers at St. Mary Magdalene Church was offered a place, eleven places were offered to children with a brother or sister attending the school and three places were offered to children whose parents are regular worshippers at another Christian church and live within the parish. Of the remaining places, one was offered to a child whose parents are regular worshippers at another church and live within the parish, four places were offered to children of other faiths who live in the parish and ten places were offered to other children who live closest to the school.
St. Mary of the Angels RC (Voluntary-Aided) N I J

Address: Shrewsbury Road, W2 5PR
Phone: 020 7641 4482
Fax: 020 7641 4484
Website: http://website.st-maryangels.westminster.sch.uk
Email: office.stmaryangels.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Helen Connolly
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 340
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 45
Nursery places: 32 full time
Nearest underground station: Westbourne Park (H)
The school is south of Westway, off Westbourne Park Road, close to the underground and railway station.
It is set in attractive and modern surroundings serving the Parishes of St. Mary of the Angels and Our Lady Queen of Heaven. Priority is given to siblings. Baptised Catholics also have priority for places.

For admission to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 97 applications by the closing date. On the initial offer day, 40 places were offered to children of practising Catholic families, with two places offered to other children with siblings already attending the school and three places offered on the basis of proximity to the school.

St. Mary’s Bryanston Square CE (Voluntary-Aided) N I J

Address: Enford Street, W1H 1DL
Telephone: 020 7641 4130
Fax: 020 7641 5438
Website: www.bryanston.net
Email: st-marys@bryanston.net
Headteacher: Peter Hadfield
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 230
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 30
Nursery places: 12 full time, 28 part time (26 FTE)
Nearest underground station: Marylebone (B)
The school is situated in the Parish of St. Mary’s Bryanston Square and St. Mark’s Old Marylebone Road. Priority is given to practising Christians and others living in the parish, and then practising Christians in the local area.

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 73 applications by the closing date. 14 places were given to practising Christians living in the parish or local area, 10 places were given to children living in the parish and six places were offered children of other faiths living in the local area.
St. Matthew’s CE (Voluntary-Aided) N I J

Address: 16–18 Old Pye Street, SW1P 2DG
Phone: 020 7641 5110
Fax: 020 7641 5116
Email: office.st-matthews.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Nicola Cottier
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 178
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 30
Nursery places: 26 FTE
Nearest underground station: St. James’s Park (D, O)
Priority is given to children whose parents are regular Christian worshippers. In particular, the Governors give priority to children whose parents are regular worshippers in the Parish Church of St. Matthew’s, Westminster.

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 64 applications by the closing date. Places were allocated according to the school’s current published criteria.

Please note, the admissions criteria have changed recently to include regular Christian worshippers who live in the parish. For further detailed information and to obtain the school’s own admission form please contact the school.

St. Peter’s Chippenham Mews CE (Voluntary-Aided) I J

Address: Chippenham Mews, W9 2AN
Phone: 020 7641 4385
Fax: 020 7641 4318
Website: http://website.st-peters.westminster.sch.uk
Email: office.st-peters.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Samantha Adcock
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 2108
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 30
Nearest underground station: Westbourne Park (H)
Under the school’ published admission criteria, the school offers 18 foundation places to families who provide evidence of commitment to a Christian church and 12 open places are offered to families in the local community. Full details of the school’s admission arrangements are available from the school direct.

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07, there were 153 applications by the closing date. On the initial offer day, 18 foundation places were offered – three to children whose families attend St. Peter’s Church and have a sibling at the school, seven to children whose families attend St. Peter’s Church but have no sibling at the school, five to children who attend another Christian Church and have a sibling at the school and three to other children whose families attend another Christian church. 12 open places were also offered – all of these were offered to children who have a sibling at the school.
St. Peter’s Eaton Square CE (Voluntary-Aided) N I J

Address: Lower Belgrave Street, SW1W 0NL
Phone: 020 7641 4230
Fax: 020 7641 4235
Email: office.st-peters-eaton-square.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: John Wright
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 281
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 40
Nursery places: 10 full time, 40 part time (30 FTE)
Nearest underground station: Victoria (V, O, D)

The school is within the Parish of St. Peter, Eaton Square. Children with siblings at the school, children of former pupils and children of the congregation have priority. Regular, baptised and worshipping Anglicans have preference, prioritised according to distance of proven residence from the school, followed by baptised children of other Christian denominations, prioritised according to distance (as above). If there is a tie for a place in any group this will be assessed according to the shortest walking distance from the school. Non Christians and other unbaptised children will be admitted if children of higher priority (see before) have been offered the maximum number of places available.

For admission to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 85 applications by the closing date. On the initial offer day, 17 children of parents who attend St. Peter’s Church were given a place, along with 10 children who had a brother or sister in the school (or whose parents or siblings attended in the past). Eight places were offered to baptised Anglicans. The remaining five places were allocated to children who were baptised in another Christian Church, (Churches Together in Britain and Ireland).

St. Saviour’s CE (Voluntary-Aided) N I J

Address: Shirland Road, W9 2JD
Phone: 020 7641 6414
Fax: 020 7641 4318
Website: www.stsaviourssch.com
Email: office.st-saviours.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Lindsey Woodford
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 237
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 30
Nursery places: 30 full time
Nearest underground station: Warwick Avenue (B)

Priority is given to families attending St. Saviour’s and St. Mary’s Paddington Green. There are seven points to the school’s admissions criteria, within which priority for children with brothers or sisters already at the school is listed fifth in order. At St. Saviour’s CE School most of the children who are accepted for reception start in September but, in consultation with parents and teachers, some young or inexperienced children may be able to delay their start until January.

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 92 applications by the closing date. On the initial offer day, 28 children were offered places on the basis of attendance at St. Saviour’s church and two places were given to children with attendance at other Anglican or Christian churches.
St. Stephen’s CE (Voluntary-Aided) N I J

Address: 91 Westbourne Park Road, W2 5QH
Phone: 020 7641 4488
Fax: 020 7641 4487
Website: www.st-stephens.westminster.sch.uk
Email: office.st-stephens.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Paul Voural
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 223
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 30
Nursery places: 30 full time
Underground: Westbourne Park (H)
The first priority is for any children in public care. Priority will then be given to children in families worshipped
at St. Stephen’s Church and then to children who worship at a Christian Church and live in the local catchment
area or who worship at a local Christian church. The next priority is children with siblings attending the school
and then children already in the nursery class at St. Stephen’s. The next children to be offered places will be
those from families who practise another religion while supporting the vision of our church school. Any
remaining places will be offered to those living nearest the school.

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 74 applications by the closing
date. Five children were given places on the basis of church attendance. Twelve places were allocated to
children with brothers or sisters in the school. Eight places were given to children already attending the nursery
class in the school. The remaining five places were given to the children living closest to the school.

St. Vincent De Paul RC (Voluntary-Aided) N I J

Address: Morpeth Terrace, SW1P 1EP
Phone: 020 7641 5990
Fax: 020 7641 5901
Website: www.stvincentdepaul.ik.org
Email: office@st-vincent-de-paul.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Jack O’Neill
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 248
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 30
Nursery places: 20 full time, 20 part time (30 FTE)
Nearest underground station: Victoria (V, O, D)
Priority is given to practising Catholics who have a sibling at the school, followed by practising Catholic
children already in the school nursery. Both these and remaining places are given to practising Catholics
prioritised by distance from home to school.

For admission to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 139 applications by the closing
date. 30 children were accepted for admission as practising Catholics. Of these 13 had a brother or sister
at the school.
St. Vincent’s RC (Voluntary-Aided) N I J

Address: St. Vincent Street, Marylebone, W1U 4DF
Phone: 020 7641 6110
Fax: 020 7641 6116
Email: office.st-vincents.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Marina Coleman
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 228
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 30
Nursery places: 26 full time
Nearest underground stations: Bond Street (C, J), Baker Street (B, J, O, H)
Priority is given to baptised Catholics with a letter of reference from their parish priest. First, looked after children, then Catholic children with a brother or sister already at the school in the year of admission, followed by Catholic children already attending the nursery. The remaining places are allocated to Catholics based on the distance from home to school. Compassionate circumstances may be taken into account to give higher priority to a child.

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 88 applications by the closing date. All 30 places were allocated to baptised Catholics.

Westminster Cathedral RC (Voluntary-Aided) I J

Address: Bessborough Place, SW1V 3SE
Phone: 020 7641 5915
Fax: 020 7641 6384
Website: www.westminster-cathedral.westminster.lgfl.net
Email: office.westminster-cathedral.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: John Hartnett
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 202
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 30
Nearest underground station: Pimlico (V)
Priority is given to baptised Roman Catholic children from practising Roman Catholic families living in the Parishes of Westminster Cathedral and the Holy Apostles. Priority is given if there are siblings already in the school. For admissions to the reception class for 2006/07 school year, there were 118 applications by the closing date. 30 places were allocated to baptised practising Roman Catholics.

Apply online at www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions
Wilberforce (Community School) N I J

Address: Beethoven Street, W10 4LB
Phone: 020 7641 5865
Fax: 020 7641 5828
Email: office.wilberforce.westminster@lgfl.net
Headteacher: Angela Piddock
Number of pupils on roll (January 2006): 440
Admission number for reception intake 2007/08: 60
Nursery places: 50 part time (25 FTE)
Nearest underground station: Queen’s Park (B)

Wilberforce is just off Kilburn Lane, close to Queen’s Park underground. Queen’s Park Library is within walking distance. The admission criteria are those agreed by the council for all its Community schools (see page 16). Children are admitted to reception in September or January depending on the date of their fifth birthday (see page 8).

For admissions to the reception class for the 2006/07 school year, there were 73 applications by the closing date. On the initial day, under Westminster’s coordinated arrangements all applicants were offered a place at the school or offered a higher preference school.
Other information

‘In year’ admissions

If you would like your child to attend a primary school in Westminster and he/she is older than reception age (for instance if you have just moved into the area), you should contact your preferred school direct to request and complete an application form.

If the school to which you have applied has vacancies in your child’s year group, they should offer a place. If they cannot accept your child straight away because the year group is full they must tell you about your right of appeal to an independent panel, and how to make your appeal. Your child will also be placed on a waiting list which will be kept in order of priority under the criteria, and if a place becomes available because a child leaves this will be offered to the applicant who is next on the list. The length of time your child is on the waiting list does not affect how quickly you will be offered a place, and your child’s name can go up or down the list as other people join or leave it.

For Community schools, waiting lists are ranked using the same admission criteria as at reception age. These are listed on page 16. Please ask at the Voluntary-Aided (church) school for their casual admission criteria. Whatever the waiting list arrangements, you still have the right of appeal if your child is not offered a place.

If you experience difficulty in obtaining a primary school place or require further assistance or guidance, please contact the Westminster Admissions Team on 020 7641 1817.
Education welfare service
Phone: 020 7641 7580

The Education Welfare Service is part of Westminster City Council’s Children’s Services Department. The team consists of nine Education Welfare Officers and senior managers who work with schools and families to improve attendance. Each school has an allocated Education Welfare Officer who supports the school in carrying out their statutory responsibilities and in the development of effective management systems in regard to school attendance.

Many children and young people are absent from school without their parent’s knowledge. Others face difficulties outside school that can have an adverse effect upon their attendance and attainment. By not attending school regularly children and young people may become involved in anti-social behaviour or become the victim of crime or abuse.

The Education Welfare Service will help families to overcome these problems, through a variety of strategies, but they also have a statutory duty to employ legal sanctions where there is no justifiable reason for the pupil being absent.

By law all children between the age of 5 and 16 must have appropriate full time education. Parents have a legal duty for making sure this happens by:
- registering their child at a school
- ensuring their child attends school regularly, on time, and ready to learn
- by ensuring that they support school initiatives that will assist their child’s progress
- by ensuring that the school is informed of any changes that may affect attendance and/or behaviour
- by making other arrangements to provide their child with an education suited to age, ability, aptitude and to any special educational needs
- by ensuring that family holidays are not taken during term time.

Special educational needs
Phone: 020 7641 5351 / 020 7641 5353

Westminster City Council must identify and make a statutory assessment of those children for whom it is responsible who have special educational needs and who may require a statement.

School governing bodies have statutory responsibilities to ensure that they provide appropriate support to pupils with special educational needs. Only in a small minority of cases will a child have special educational needs of a severity or complexity that require the council to undertake a statutory assessment, issue a statement and make arrangements for additional provision.

If you think your child may have special educational needs in the first instance you should contact the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) at your child’s school.
Financial assistance

Free school meals
Phone: 020 7641 3412 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Children whose parents receive the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income-Based Job Seeker’s Allowance (IBJSA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed £14,155
- guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- in receipt of Child Tax Credit, but are not entitled to a Working Tax Credit, and whose annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) does not exceed £14,155
- supported by NASS (National Asylum Support Service) or their borough’s Central Asylum Team.

Application forms are available from Westminster schools or from Pupil Benefits. If your child attends a Westminster school, you should apply on a City of Westminster form no matter where you live.

Entitlements are reviewed yearly and parents are responsible for ensuring that applications are renewed every year.

Payment of travelling expenses
Phone: 020 7641 1816

Since September 2005 all children living in London under the age of 16 have been able to travel for free on London’s buses and trams if they hold the relevant photocard. Forms are available in main Post Offices.

Westminster City Council will only issue free travel passes (including rail and underground) to children of compulsory school age living in Westminster if:

- the school is the nearest available (regardless of whether or not the nearest available school is a single sex school), the journey between home and school is more than two miles (for children under the age of eight) or three miles (for children over the age of eight) by the shortest available walking route and it would be unreasonable to expect the child to make the journey by bus as it would take over one hour each way*
- circumstances are so exceptional that the Deputy Chief Executive (Children and Community Services) agrees to issue a travel pass.

This means that if you choose a school further away when your child would have been accepted at a local school, no help will be given with fares.

There is a right of appeal against refusal of a travel pass.

* The shortest journey time is that ascertained and published by Transport for London on their journey planner website.

Apply online at www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions
Westminster secondary schools

Westminster has nine secondary schools:

Academies

Paddington Academy
Mixed, ages 11-19
Opening temporarily at North Wharf Road,
London W2 1LF
Permanent buildings will be at 50 Maryland Road,
London W9 2DR
Phone: 020 7641 8459
Principal: Barbi Goulding

Westminster Academy
Mixed, ages 11-19
Opening temporarily at Penfold Street,
London NW1 6RX
Permanent buildings will be at 259 Harrow Road,
London W2 5EJ
Phone: 020 7960 6259
Principal: Alison Banks

Community schools

Pimlico
Mixed, ages 11-19
Lupus Street, London SW1V 3AT
Phone: 020 7828 0881
Headteacher: Phil Barnard

Quintin Kynaston
Mixed, ages 11-19
Marlborough Hill, London NW8 0NL
Phone: 020 7722 8141
Headteacher: Jo Shuter

Voluntary-Aided schools

The Grey Coat Hospital
Girls, ages 11-19, Church of England
Grey Coat Place, London SW1P 2DY
Phone: 020 7969 1998
Headteacher: Rachel Allard

St. Augustine’s High
Mixed, ages 11-19, Church of England
Oxford Road, London NW6 5SN
Phone: 020 7328 3434
Headteacher: Alex Thomas

St. George’s
Mixed, ages 11-16, Roman Catholic
Lanark Road, Maida Vale, London W9 1RB
Phone: 020 7328 0904
Headteacher: Martin Tissot

The St. Marylebone
Girls, ages 11-19, Church of England
64, Marylebone High Street, London W1M 4BA
Phone: 020 7935 4704
Headteacher: Elizabeth Phillips

Westminster City
Boys, 11-19, Christian, non-Denominational
55 Palace Street, London SW1E 5HJ
Phone: 020 7641 8760
Headteacher: David Maloney

When the time comes for your child to move on from primary to secondary school, you will be provided with information about the transfer procedure by the headteacher of your child’s primary school. Westminster City Council prepares a brochure describing each Westminster secondary school, admission requirements, visiting times and the transfer timetable. You can apply to secondary schools in other boroughs. For information about these please contact the Local Authority in which they are situated.

If you would like a copy of the Westminster Secondary Brochure, please contact the Admissions Team on 020 7641 1816.
Contact details for neighbouring boroughs

Detailed information about schools outside of Westminster and their admission arrangements will be available from the schools direct and the Local Authority in which they are situated. Please remember to check the admission arrangements for any such school to assess whether you are likely to be offered a place. You may also be required to complete a supplementary form for the school.

Brent
Phone: 020 8937 3110
Email: school.admissions@brent.gov.uk
Website: www.brent.gov.uk

Camden
Phone: 020 7974 1625
Website: www.camden.gov.uk/starlingschool

Hammersmith and Fulham
Phone: 020 8753 3643/3664
Email: edu_admissions@lbhf.gov.uk
Website: www.lbhf.gov.uk

Islington
Phone: 020 7527 5836/5515
Email: admissions.cea@islington.gov.uk
Website: www.inslingtonsschools.net

Kensington and Chelsea
Phone: 020 7361 2210
email: education@rbkc.gov.uk
Website: www.rbkc.gov.uk

Lambeth
Phone: 020 7926 9503
Website: www.lambeth.gov.uk

Southwark
Phone: 020 7525 2910/2913/5003
Email: school.admissions@southwark.gov.uk
Website: www.southwark.gov.uk

Wandsworth
Phone: 020 8871 8265/020 8717 7962
Email: edpupserv@wandsworth.gov.uk
Website: www.wandsworth.gov.uk

Other useful telephone numbers

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Key to map of Westminster educational establishments

Nursery Schools

1. Dorothy Gardner
   293 Shirland Road, W9 3JY
   Phone: 020 7641 5870

2. Mary Paterson
   3 Riverton Close, Off Ashmore Road, W9 3DS
   Phone: 020 7641 5804

3. Portman Early Childhood Centre
   12-18 Salisbury Street, NW8 8DE
   Phone: 020 7641 5435 / 020 7641 5436

4. Tachbrook
   Cockburn House, Aylesford Street, SW1V 3RT
   Phone: 020 7641 8725

Primary Schools

1. All Souls’ CE
   Foley Street, W1P 8JJ
   Phone: 020 7641 4707

2. Barrow Hill Junior
   Bridgeman Street, NW8 7AL
   Phone: 020 7641 5005

3. Burdett Coutts CE
   Rochester Street, SW1P 2QQ
   Phone: 020 7641 5930

4. Christ Church Bentinck CE
   Cosway Street, NW1 5NS
   Phone: 020 7641 4135

5. Churchill Gardens
   Ranelagh Road, SW1V 3EU
   Phone: 020 7641 5935

6. Edward Wilson
   Senior Street, W2 5TL
   Phone: 020 7641 4303

7. Essendine
   Essendine Road, W9 2LR
   Phone: 020 7641 4382

8. Gateway
   Capland Street, NW8 8LN
   Phone: 020 7641 4160

9. George Eliot Infant
   Marlborough Hill, NW8 0NH
   Phone: 020 7722 2000

10. George Eliot Junior
    Marlborough Hill, NW8 0NH
    Phone: 020 7722 6870

11. Hallfield Infant
    Hallfield Estate, W2 6JJ
    Phone: 020 7641 6235

12. Hallfield Junior
    Hallfield Estate, W2 6JJ
    Phone: 020 7641 6230

13. Hampden Gurney CE
    Nutford Place, W1H 5HA
    Phone: 020 7641 4195

14. Millbank
    Erasmus Street, SW1P 4HR
    Phone: 020 7641 5945

15. Our Lady Of Dolours RC
    19 Cirencester Street, W2 5SR
    Phone: 020 7641 4326

16. Paddington Green
    Park Place Villas, W2 1SP
    Phone: 020 7641 4122

17. Queen’s Park
    Droop Street, W10 4DQ
    Phone: 020 7641 5860

18. Robinsfield Infant
    Ordnance Hill, NW8 6PX
    Phone: 020 7641 5019

19. St. Augustine’s CE
    Kilburn Park Road, NW6 5SN
    Phone: 020 7328 0221

20. St. Barnabas CE
    St Barnabas Street, SW1W 8PF
    Phone: 020 7641 4232

21. St. Clement Danes CE
    Drury Lane, WC2B 5SU
    Phone: 020 7641 6586

22. St. Edward’s RC
    Lisson Grove, NW1 6LH
    Phone: 020 7723 5911

23. St. Gabriel’s CE
    Churchill Gardens, SW1V 3AG
    Phone: 020 7641 6300

24. St. George’s Hanover Square CE
    South Street, W1K 2XH
    Phone: 020 7629 1196

25. St. James’ and St Michael’s CE
    Craven Terrace, W2 3QD
    Phone: 020 7641 6218
Secondary Schools

1. Paddington Academy
   Phone: 020 7641 8459
   a) Opening temporarily at
      North Wharf Road London W2 1LF
   b) Permanent buildings will be at
      Maryland Road, London W9

2. Pimlico
   Lupus Street, SW1V 3AT
   Phone: 020 7828 0881

3. Quintin Kynaston
   Marlborough Hill, St John’s Wood, NW8 0NL
   Phone: 020 7722 8141

4. St. Augustine’s CE
   Oxford Road, NW6 5SN
   Phone: 020 7328 3434

5. St. George’s (Maida Vale) RC
   Lanark Road, Maida Vale, W9 1RB
   Phone: 020 7328 0904

6. St. Marylebone CE
   64 Marylebone High Street, W1U 5BA
   Phone: 020 7935 4704

7. The Grey Coat Hospital CE
   Phone: 020 7969 1998
   a) St Andrew’s Building,
      Grey Coat Place, SW1P 2DY
   b) St Michael’s Building,
      98 Regency Street, SW1P 4GH

8. Westminster City
   55 Palace Street, SW1E 5HJ
   Phone: 020 7641 8760

9. Westminster Academy
   a) Opening temporarily at
      Penfold Street London NW1 6RX
   b) Permanent buildings will be at
      259 Harrow Road, London W2 5EJ

Special Schools

1. College Park
   Garway Road, W2 4PH
   Phone: 020 7641 4460

2. Queen Elizabeth II
   Kennet Road, W9 3LG
   Phone: 020 7641 5825
You can now apply online!

Information for parents

What’s it all about?
From September 2006, Westminster City Council is working in conjunction with the 32 other London boroughs and London Connexions, to enable parents to apply for school places online.

If you wish to continue to apply using a paper form, you will be able to do so; however there are many benefits of applying online which include:
• a quicker process, and you can track the progress of your application
• you will find out the results of your application more quickly
• reduces the use of paper
• no need to put forms in the post
• you can also ask a friend or relative for help.

Do I need an email address to apply online?
No, having an email address is optional and if provided, will be used to send a confirmation of your application. If you don’t have an email address you will still be given confirmation of your application with an application reference number, but you will need to either print this off or write it down and keep it safe for future reference.

How do I apply online?
As with paper applications, you will only be able to apply for a school place online from September 2006. For primary school reception class places you can apply online from September 2006 to 28th February 2007.

What if I don’t have a computer at home, can I still apply online?
Yes, you can apply anywhere with access to the internet. There are lots of places where you can apply online including:
• your local library
• at work
• an internet café
• you can also ask a friend or relative for help.

When will I find out about my application?
The Admissions Team will write and inform all parents of the outcome of their application on 8th May 2007. If you have applied online, you can view the outcome of your application from 9am on 9th May 2007.

For further information visit
www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions
WESTMINSTER: Your choice for primary education

A guide for parents with children starting primary and nursery schools in 2007

Parts of this brochure are available in Arabic, Bengali and large print. If you would like a copy, or, would like us to provide an interpreter so that you can understand this brochure, please ring 020 7641 1816 or write to the Admissions team, 13th floor City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QP.

Apply online for your child's primary school place
www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions