

This update is for the parents and carers of children who are due to start secondary school from September 2024 or the following year(s)

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- Videoconferences to help guide you through making a choice
- Information and resources
- Please tell us about your experiences

Our Voice



What's New?

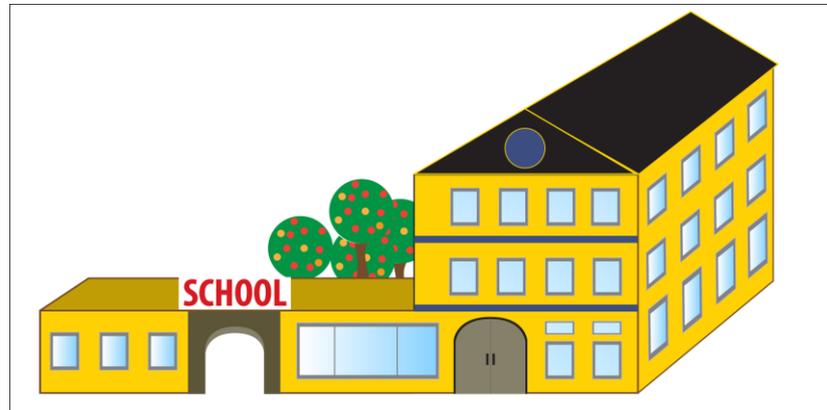
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Choosing a secondary school for your child with additional needs

Introduction

If your child is due to start Secondary School next September (i.e. if they were born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013) you will be in the process of thinking about what Secondary School they should attend and will probably be currently attending open evenings over the next few weeks.

Even if your child is younger than this, you may be thinking ahead, and starting to look at your options.



Key points about the process

These dates apply to children starting secondary school in September 2024. For future years the exact date is likely to vary slightly.

- For children with an EHCP you should have been contacted directly by the SEN Services team to discuss the application process. The deadline for confirming your preference for a secondary school will be 16th October
- For children without an EHCP, online admissions are now open and applications must be submitted by 31st October 23
- Open days will take place in September and October - details can be found on page 4 of [this booklet](#).
- [This booklet](#) gives information about all special schools and other specialist provision in Enfield including special schools and Specially (additionally) Resourced Provisions (ARPs) and designated units within mainstream schools.
- [This booklet](#) gives information on the secondary transfer process for children with an EHCP
- You can see the dates of open days [here](#).

Videoconference

To help you with making this decision, Our Voice is planning to hold two videoconference sessions jointly with SENDIASS and the Enfield SEN Team. The sessions aim to help you to think about how to choose a Secondary School for your child with additional needs, how to get the right information to help you make that decision and how the application process will work. They are aimed mainly at parents of children currently in year 6 but may also be of interest to many parents of children in year 5 or below, who are starting to think about their child's Secondary School options.

The two sessions will take place on Tuesday 3rd October 10.30 am to 12 noon and Monday 9th October 12.30 – 2 pm.

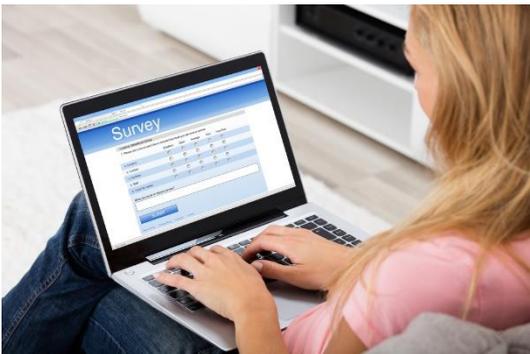
To book for Tuesday, 3rd October – Please click [here](#)

To book for Monday, 9th October – Please click [here](#)

Information and resources

In the meantime you can see general information about the process, presentations from our videoconferences on this subject last year, and other resources to support you with making the decision on our website [here](#).

Tell us about your experiences of looking at Secondary schools



If you have been looking at Secondary Schools for your child with SEND, either just before applying for a place for this September or because you are doing your research for a child in year 5 or below, **we would really like to hear about your experiences** – whether good or bad. We know that all schools are meant to be inclusive for children with Disabilities and Special Needs – but is that the reality? Did you feel that your child would be welcomed and supported at the school, or were you discouraged (actively or subtly) from sending your child to

that school?

Please let us know by completing the short survey [here](#) It should only take around 5 minutes to do.

We hope that you have found our newsletter useful. If you have any feedback, or anything that you think we could be telling our families about, please let us know. Our contact details are:

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