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PAN-LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSION SYSTEM

Template LA Schemes for Co-ordination of Admissions to Year 7 and Reception in Maintained Schools and Academies in 2015/16

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Template LA Schemes for Co-ordination of Admissions to Year 7 and Reception in 2015/16

Definitions used in the template schemes

"the Application Year" the academic year in which the parent makes an

application (i.e. in relation to the academic year of

entry, the academic year preceding it).

"the Board" the Pan-London Admissions Executive Board, which

is responsible for the Scheme

"the Business User Guide (BUG)" the document issued annually to participating

LAs setting out the operational procedures of the

Scheme

"the Common Application Form"this is the form that each authority must have under

the Regulations for parents to use to express their

preferences, set out in rank order

"the Equal Preference System" the model whereby all preferences listed by parents

on the Common Application Form are considered under the over-subscription criteria for each school without reference to parental rankings. Where a pupil is eligible to be offered a place at more than one school within an LA, or across more than one participating LA, the rankings are used to determine the single offer by selecting the school ranked

highest of those which can offer a place

"the Highly Recommended the elements of the Template Scheme

Elements" that are not mandatory but to which subscription is

strongly recommended in order to maximise coordination and thereby simplify the application

process as far as possible

"the Home LA" the LA in which the applicant/parent/carer is

resident

"the LIAAG Address Verification the document containing the address verification policy of each participating LA

Register

"the Local Admission System

(LAS)"

the IT module for administering admissions in each LA and for determining the highest offer both

within and between participating LAs

"the London E-Admissions Portal"the common online application system used by

the 33 London LAs and Surrey County Council

"the Maintaining LA" the LA which maintains a school, *or within whose*

area an academy is situated, for which a preference

has been expressed

"the Mandatory Elements" those elements of the Template Scheme to which

authorities **must** subscribe in order to be considered as 'Participating Authorities' and to benefit from use

of the Pan-London Register

"the Notification Letter" the agreed form of letter sent to applicants on the

Prescribed Day which communicates any

determination granting or refusing admission to a primary or secondary school, which is attached as

Schedule 2

"the Prescribed Day" the day on which outcome letters are posted to

parents/carers.

1 March (secondary) and 16 April (primary) in the year following the relevant determination year except that, in any year in which that day is not a working day, the prescribed day shall be the next

working day.

"the Pan-London Register (PLR)" the database which will sort and transmit

application and outcome data between the LAS of

each participating LA

"the Pan-London Timetable" the framework for processing of application and

outcome data, which is attached as Schedule 3

"the Participating LA"

any LA that has indicated in the Memorandum of Agreement that they are willing to incorporate, at a minimum, the mandatory elements of the Template LA Scheme presented here.

"the Qualifying Scheme"

the scheme which each LA is required to formulate in accordance with The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) Regulations 2012, for coordinating arrangements for the admission of children to maintained primary and secondary schools and academies.

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Template Scheme for Co-ordination of Admissions to Year 7 in 2015/16

All the numbered sections contained in this scheme are mandatory, except those marked with an* which are highly desirable.

Applications

- 1. This LA will advise home LAs of their resident pupils on the roll of this LA's maintained primary schools and academies who are eligible to transfer to secondary school in the forthcoming academic year.
- 2. Applications from residents of this LA will be made on this LA's Common Application Form, which will be available and able to be submitted on-line. This will include all the fields and information specified in Schedule 1 to this Template LA Scheme. These will be supplemented by any additional fields and information which are deemed necessary by this LA to enable the admission authorities in the LA area to apply their published oversubscription criteria.
- 3. This LA will take all reasonable steps to ensure that every parent/carer who is resident in this LA and has a child in their last year of primary education within a maintained school, either in this LA or any other maintaining LA, receives a copy of this LA's admissions booklet and Common Application Form, including details of how to apply online. The admissions booklet will also be available to parents/carers who do not live in this LA, and will include information on how they can access their home LA's Common Application Form if unable to apply online.
- 4. The admission authorities within this LA will not use supplementary information forms except where the information available through the Common Application Form is insufficient for consideration of the application against the published oversubscription criteria. Where supplementary information forms are used by the admissions authorities within this LA, the LA will seek to ensure that these only collect information which is required by the published oversubscription criteria, in accordance with paragraph 2.4 of the School Admissions Code 2012.
- 5. Where supplementary information forms are used by admission authorities in this LA, they will be available on this LA's website. Such forms will advise parents that they must also complete their home LA's Common Application Form. This LA's admission booklet and website will indicate

- which schools in this LA require supplementary forms to be completed and where they can be obtained.
- 6. Where an admission authority in this LA receives a supplementary information form, this LA will not consider it to be a valid application unless the parent/carer has also listed the school on their home LA's Common Application Form, in accordance with paragraph 2.3 of the School Admissions Code 2012.
- 7. *Applicants will be able to express a preference for six maintained secondary schools or Academies within and/or outside the Home LA. [If the above recommendation of six preferences is inappropriate for this authority, an alternative number will be substituted].
- 8. The order of preference given on the Common Application Form will not be revealed to a school within the area of this LA in accordance with paragraph 1.9 of the School Admissions Code 2012. However, where a parent resident in this LA expresses a preference for schools in the area of another LA, the order of preference for that LA's schools will be revealed to that LA in order that it can determine the highest ranked preference in cases where an applicant is eligible for a place at more than one school in that LA's area.
- 9. This LA undertakes to carry out the address verification process as set out in its entry in LIAAG Address Verification Register. This will in all cases include validation of resident applicants against this LA's primary school data and the further investigation of any discrepancy. Where this LA is not satisfied as to the validity of an address of an applicant whose preference has been sent to a maintaining LA, it will advise the maintaining LA no later than 12 December 2014.
- 10. This LA will confirm the status of any resident child for whom it receives a Common Application Form stating s/he is a 'Child Looked After' and will provide evidence to the maintaining LA in respect of a preference for a school in its area by **14 November 2014.**
- 11. This LA will advise a maintaining LA of the reason for any preference expressed for a school in its area, in respect of a resident child born outside of the correct age cohort, and will forward any supporting documentation to the maintaining LA by 14 November 2014.

Processing

12. Applicants resident within this LA must return the Common Application Form, which will be available and able to be submitted on-line, to this LA by **31 October 2014.** However, this LA will publish information which

encourages applicants to submit their application by **24 October 2014 (i.e. the Friday before half term)**, to allow it sufficient time to process and check all applications before the mandatory date when data must be sent to the PLR.

- 13. Application data relating to all preferences for schools in the area of a participating LA, which have been expressed within the terms of this LA's scheme, will be up-loaded to the PLR by 14 November 2014. Supplementary information provided with the Common Application Form will be sent to maintaining LAs by the same date.
- 14. [This LA shall, in consultation with the admission authorities within this LA's area and within the framework of the Pan-London timetable in Schedule 3A, determine and state here its own timetable for the processing of preference data and the application of published oversubscription criteria.]
- 15. *This LA will accept late applications only if they are late for a good reason, deciding each case on its own merits. [If this recommendation is deemed inappropriate for this authority an alternative approach should be substituted]
- 16. Where such applications contain preferences for schools in other LAs, this LA will forward the details to maintaining LAs via the PLR as they are received. This LA will accept late applications which are considered to be on time within the terms of the home LA's scheme.
- 17. The latest date for the upload to the PLR of late applications which are considered to be on-time within the terms of the home LA's scheme is 12 December 2014.
- 18. Where an applicant moves from one participating home LA to another after submitting an on-time application under the terms of the former home LA's scheme, the new home LA will accept the application as on-time up to 12 December 2014, on the basis that an on-time application already exists within the Pan-London system.
- 19. This LA will participate in the application data checking exercise scheduled between **15 December 2014 and 2 January 2015** in the Pan-London timetable in Schedule 3A.
- 20. All preferences for schools within this LA will be considered by the relevant admission authorities without reference to rank order in accordance with paragraphs 1.9 of the School Admissions Code 2012. When the admission authorities within this LA have provided a list of applicants in criteria order to this LA, this LA shall, for each applicant to its schools for whom more than one potential offer is available, use the highest ranked

- preference to decide which single potential offer to make. [This is the 'Equal Preference System'.]
- 21. This LA will carry out all reasonable checks to ensure that pupil rankings are correctly held in its LAS before uploading data to the PLR.
- 22. This LA will upload the highest potential offer available to an applicant for a maintained school or academy in this LA to the PLR by **3 February 2015.**The PLR will transmit the highest potential offer specified by the Maintaining LA to the Home LA.
- 23. The LAS of this LA will eliminate, as a Home LA, all but the highest ranked offer where an applicant has more than one potential offer across Maintaining LAs submitting information within deadline to the PLR. This will involve exchanges of preference outcomes between the LAS and the PLR (in accordance with the iterative timetable published in the Business User Guide) which will continue until notification that a steady state has been achieved, or until 16 February 2015 if this is sooner.
- 24. This LA will not make an additional offer between the end of the iterative process and **2 March 2015** which may impact on an offer being made by another participating LA.
- 25. Notwithstanding paragraph 24, if an error is identified within the allocation of places at one of this LA's schools, this LA will attempt to manually resolve the allocation to correct the error. Where this impacts on another LA (either as a home or maintaining LA) this LA will liaise with that LA to attempt to resolve the correct offer and any multiple offers which might occur. However, if another LA is unable to resolve a multiple offer, or if the impact is too far reaching, this LA will accept that the applicant(s) affected might receive a multiple offer.
- 26. This LA will participate in the offer data checking exercise scheduled between 17 and 24 February 2015 in the Pan-London timetable in Schedule 3A.
- 27. This LA will send a file to the E-Admissions portal with outcomes for all resident applicants who have applied online no later than **25 February 2015**. (33 London LAs & Surrey LA only).

Offers

28. This LA will ensure, so far as is reasonably practical, that each resident applicant who cannot be offered a preference expressed on the Common Application Form, receives the offer of an alternative school place.[The LA should state here how it will determine the school to be offered].

- 29. This LA will inform all resident applicants of their highest offer of a school place and, where relevant, the reasons why higher preferences were not offered, whether they were for schools in the Home LA or in other participating LAs.
- 30. This LA's outcome letter will include the information set out in Schedule 2.
- 31. On **2 March 2015**, this LA will send by first class post notification of the outcome to resident applicants.
- 32. *This LA will provide primary schools with destination data of its resident applicants by the end of the Summer term 2015.

Post Offer

- 33. This LA will request that resident applicants accept or decline the offer of a place by **16 March 2015**, or within two weeks of the date of any subsequent offer.
- 34. Where an applicant resident in this LA accepts or declines a place in a school within the area of another LA by 16 March 2015, this LA will forward the information to the maintaining LA by 23 March 2015. Where such information is received from applicants after 16 March, this LA will pass it to the maintaining LA as it is received.
- 35. Where a place becomes available in an oversubscribed maintained school or academy in this LA's area, it will be offered from a waiting list ordered in accordance with paragraph 2.14 of the School Admissions Code 2012.
- 36. When acting as a maintaining LA, this LA will inform the home LA, where different, of an offer for a maintained school or Academy in this LA's area which can be made to an applicant resident in the home LA's area, in order that the home LA can offer the place.
- 37. When acting as a maintaining LA, this LA and the admission authorities within it, will not inform an applicant resident in another LA that a place can be offered.
- 38. When acting as a home LA, this LA will offer a place at a maintained school or Academy in the area of another LA to an applicant resident in its area, provided that the school is ranked higher on the Common Application Form than any school already offered.

- 39. When acting as a home LA, when this LA is informed by a maintaining LA of an offer which can be made to an applicant resident in this LA's area which is ranked lower on the Common Application Form than any school already offered, it will inform the maintaining LA that the offer will not be made.
- 40. When acting as a home LA, when this LA has agreed to a change of preference order for good reason, it will inform any maintaining LA affected by the change. In such cases, paragraphs 37 and 38 shall apply to the revised order of preferences.
- 41. When acting as a maintaining LA, this LA will inform the home LA, where different, of any change to an applicant's offer status as soon as it occurs.
- 42. When acting as a maintaining LA, this LA will accept new applications (including additional preferences) from home LAs for maintained schools and academies in its area.
- 43. [This LA will determine and state here how waiting lists will operate].

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Applications

- Applications from residents of this LA will be made on this LA's Common Application Form, which will be available and able to be submitted on-line. This will include all the fields and information specified in Schedule 1 to this Template LA Scheme. These will be supplemented by any additional fields and information which are deemed necessary by this LA to enable the admission authorities in the LA area to apply their published oversubscription criteria.
- 2. This LA will take all reasonable steps to ensure that every parent/carer who is resident in this LA and has a child in a nursery class within a maintained school, either in this LA or any other maintaining LA, receives a copy of this LA's admissions booklet and Common Application Form, including details of how to apply online. The admissions booklet will also be available to parents/carers who do not live in this LA, and will include information on how they can access their home LA's Common Application Form if unable to apply online.
- 3. The admission authorities within this LA will not use supplementary information forms except where the information available through the Common Application Form is insufficient for consideration of the application against the published oversubscription criteria. Where supplementary information forms are used by the admissions authorities within this LA, the LA will seek to ensure that these only collect information which is required by the published oversubscription criteria, in accordance with paragraph 2.4 of the School Admissions Code 2012.
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- 8. This LA undertakes to carry out the address verification process set out in its entry in the LIAAG Address Verification Register. This will in all cases include validation of resident applicants against this LA's maintained nursery and primary school data and the further investigation of any discrepancy. Where this LA is not satisfied as to the validity of an address of an applicant whose preference has been sent to a maintaining LA, it will advise the maintaining LA no later than 13 February 2015.
- 9. This LA will confirm the status of any resident child for whom it receives a Common Application Form stating s/he is a 'Child Looked After' and will provide evidence to the maintaining LA in respect of a preference for a school in its area by **3 February 2015**.
- 10. This LA will advise a maintaining LA of the reason for any preference expressed for a school in its area, in respect of a resident child born outside of the correct age cohort, and will forward any supporting documentation to the maintaining LA by **3 February 2015.**

Processing

- 11. Applicants resident within this LA must return the Common Application Form, which will be available and able to be submitted on-line, to this LA by **15**January **2015**.
- 12. Application data relating to all preferences for schools in the area of a participating LA, which have been expressed within the terms of this LA's scheme, will be up-loaded to the PLR by **3 February 2015.** Supplementary

- information provided with the Common Application Form will be sent to maintaining LAs by the same date.
- 13. [This LA shall, in consultation with the admission authorities within this LA's area and within the framework of the Pan-London timetable in Schedule 3B, determine and state here its own timetable for the processing of preference data and the application of published oversubscription criteria.]
- 14. *This LA will accept late applications only if they are late for a good reason, deciding each case on its own merits. [If this recommendation is deemed inappropriate for this authority an alternative approach should be substituted]
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- 18. This LA will participate in the application data checking exercise scheduled between **16 and 23 February 2015** in the Pan-London timetable in Schedule 3B.
- 19. All preferences for schools within this LA will be considered by the relevant admission authorities without reference to rank order in accordance with paragraphs 1.9 of the School Admissions Code 2012. When the admission authorities within this LA have provided a list of applicants in criteria order to this LA, this LA shall, for each applicant to its schools for whom more than one potential offer is available, use the highest ranked preference to decide which single potential offer to make. [This is the 'Equal Preference System'.]
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- 22. The LAS of this LA will eliminate, as a Home LA, all but the highest ranked offer where an applicant has more than one potential offer across Maintaining LAs submitting information within deadline to the PLR. This will involve exchanges of preference outcomes between the LAS and the PLR (in accordance with the iterative timetable published in the Business User Guide) which will continue until notification that a steady state has been achieved, or until 20 March 2015 if this is sooner.
- 23. This LA will not make an additional offer between the end of the iterative process and the **16 April 2015** which may impact on an offer being made by another participating LA.
- 24. Notwithstanding paragraph 24, if an error is identified within the allocation of places at one of this LA's schools, this LA will attempt to manually resolve the allocation to correct the error. Where this impacts on another LA (either as a home or maintaining LA) this LA will liaise with that LA to attempt to resolve the correct offer and any multiple offers which might occur. However, if another LA is unable to resolve a multiple offer, or if the impact is too far reaching, this LA will accept that the applicant(s) affected might receive a multiple offer.
- 25. This LA will participate in the offer data checking exercise scheduled between **23 March and 10 April 2015** in the Pan-London timetable in Schedule 3B.
- 26. This LA will send a file to the E-Admissions portal with outcomes for all resident applicants who have applied online no later than **13 April 2015**. (33 London LAs & Surrey LA only).

Offers

- 27. This LA will ensure, so far as is reasonably practical, that each resident applicant who cannot be offered a preference expressed on the Common Application Form, receives the offer of an alternative school place.[The LA should state here how it will determine the school to be offered].
- 28. This LA will inform all resident applicants of their highest offer of a school place and, where relevant, the reasons why higher preferences were not offered, whether they were for schools in the Home LA or in other participating LAs.
- 29. This LA's outcome letter will include the information set out in Schedule 2.
- 30. This LA will, on **16 April 2015**, send by first class post notification of the outcome to resident applicants.

31. *This LA will provide nursery and primary schools with destination data of its resident applicants by the end of the Summer term 2015.

Post Offer

- 32. This LA will request that resident applicants accept or decline the offer of a place by **30 April 2015**, or within two weeks of the date of any subsequent offer.
- 33. Where an applicant resident in this LA accepts or declines a place in a school maintained by another LA by **30 April 2015**, this LA will forward the information to the maintaining LA by **14 May 2015**. Where such information is received from applicants after **30 April**, this LA will pass it to the maintaining LA as it is received.
- 34. Where a place becomes available in an oversubscribed maintained school or academy in this LA's area, it will be offered from a waiting list ordered in accordance with paragraph 2.14 of the School Admissions Code 2012.
- 35. When acting as a maintaining LA, this LA will inform the home LA, where different, of an offer for a maintained school or Academy in this LA's area which can be made to an applicant resident in the home LA's area, in order that the home LA can offer the place.
- 36. When acting as a maintaining LA, this LA and the admission authorities within it, will not inform an applicant resident in another LA that a place can be offered.
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- 39. When acting as a home LA, when this LA has agreed to a change of preference order for good reason, it will inform any maintaining LA affected by the change. In such cases, paragraphs 36 and 37 shall apply to the revised order of preferences.
- 40. When acting as a maintaining LA, this LA will inform the home LA, where different, of any change to an applicant's offer status as soon as it occurs.

41. When acting as a maintaining LA, this LA will accept new applications (including additional preferences) from home LAs for maintained schools and academies in its area.

[This LA will determine and state here how waiting lists will operate].

PAN-LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSIONS SCHEME SCHEDULE 1

Minimum Content of Common Application Form for Admissions to Year 7 and Reception in 2015/16

Child's details:

Surname

Forename(s)

Middle name(s)

Date of Birth

Gender

Home address

Name of current school

Address of current school (if outside home LA)

Parent's details:

Title

Surname

Forename

Address (if different to child's address)

Telephone Number (Home, Daytime, Mobile)

Email address

Relationship to child

Preference details (x 6 recommended):

Name of school

Address of school

Preference ranking

Local authority in which the school is based

Additional information:

Reasons for Preferences (including any medical or social reasons)

Does the child have a statement of SEN? Y/N*

Is the child a 'Child Looked After(CLA)'? Y/N

Is the child formerly CLA but now adopted or subject of a 'Residence Order'or 'Special Guardianship Order'? Y/N

If yes, name of responsible local authority

Surname of sibling

Forename of sibling DOB of sibling

Gender of sibling

Name of school sibling attends

Other:

Signature of parent or guardian

Date of signature

that no statemented pupil details will be sent via the PLR.

^{*} Where an LA decides not to request this information on the CAF, it must guarantee

PAN-LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSIONS SCHEME

SCHEDULE 2

Template Outcome Letter for Admissions to Year 7 and Reception in 2015/16

From: Home LA

Date: 2 March 2015 (sec) 16 April 2015 (prim)

Dear Parent,

Application for a Secondary / Primary School

I am writing to let you know the outcome of your application for a secondary/primary school. Your child has been offered a place at X School. The school will write to you with further details.

I am sorry that it was not possible for your child to be offered a place at any of the schools which you listed as a higher preference on your application form. For each of these schools there were more applications than places, and other applicants have a higher priority than your child under the school's published admission criteria.

Offers which could have been made for any schools which you placed lower in your preference list, were automatically withdrawn under the co-ordinated admission arrangements, as a higher preference has been offered.

If you would like more information about the reason that your child was not offered a place at any higher preference school, you should contact the admission authority that is responsible for admissions to the school within the next few days. Details of the different admission authorities for schools in the borough of X are attached to this letter. If the school is outside the borough of X, the admission authority will either be the borough in which the school is situated, or the school itself.

You have the right of appeal under the School Standards & Framework Act 1998 against the refusal of a place at any of the schools for which you have applied. If you wish to appeal, you must contact the admission authority for the school within the next few days to obtain the procedure and the date by which an appeal must be received by them.

Please would you confirm that you wish to accept the place at X School by completing the reply slip below. If you do not wish to accept the place, you will need to let me know what alternative arrangements you are making for your child's education.

You must contact this office if you wish to apply for any other school, either in this borough or elsewhere.

[You can also request that your child's name is placed on the waiting list for a school which was a higher preference on your application form than the school you have been offered. Please use the enclosed reply slip and return it to this office]. OR

{Your child's name has been placed on the waiting list for any school which was a higher preference on your application form than the school you have been offered. If you need to find out your child's position on the waiting list please contact the admission authority or the borough in which the school is situated}.

(One of the above bracketed paragraphs should be used depending on whether the LA automatically places children on a waiting list for higher preference schools).

Please return the reply slip to me by **16 March 2015 (sec)** / **30 April 2015 (prim)**. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me on

Yours sincerely

(First preference offer letters should include the paragraphs in italics only)

PAN-LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSIONS SCHEME SCHEDULE 3A

Timetable for Admissions to Year 7 in 2015/16

Fri 24 Oct 2014	Published closing date (Friday before half-term)		
Fri 31 Oct 2014	Statutory deadline for receipt of applications		
Mon 17 Nov 2014	Deadline for the transfer of application information by th Home LA to the PLR (ADT file).		
Fri 12 Dec 2014	Deadline for the upload of late applications to the PLR.		
Mon 15 Dec 2014 – Fri 2 Jan 2015	Checking of application data		
Tues 3 Feb 2015	Deadline for the transfer of potential offer information from Maintaining LAs to the PLR (ALT file)		
Mon 16 Feb 2015	Final ALT file to PLR		
Tues 17 – Tues 24 Feb 2015 Checking of offer data			
Wed 25 Feb 2015	Deadline for on-line ALT file to portal		

Offer letters posted.

Deadline for return of acceptances

Deadline for transfer of acceptances to maintaining LAs

Mon 2 Mar 2015

Mon 16 Mar 2015

Mon 23 Mar 2015

PAN-LONDON CO-ORDINATED ADMISSIONS SCHEME SCHEDULE 3B

Timetable for Admissions to Reception in 2015/16

Thurs 15 Jan 2015 Statutory deadline for receipt of applications

Tues 3 Feb 2015 Deadline for the transfer of application information by the

Home LA to the PLR (ADT file)

Fri 13 Feb 2015 Deadline for the upload of late applications to the PLR.

Mon 16 – Mon 23 Feb 2015 Checking of application data

Mon 16 Mar 2015 Deadline for the transfer of potential offer information

from the Maintaining LAs to the PLR (ALT file).

Fri 20 Mar 2015 Final ALT file to PLR

Mon 23 Mar- Fri 10 Apr 2015 Checking of offer data

Mon 13 Apr 2015 Deadline for on-line ALT file to portal

Thurs 16 April 2015 Offer letters posted.

Thurs 30 April 2015 Deadline for receipt of acceptances

Thurs 14 May 2015 Deadline for transfer of acceptances to maintaining

Pan London Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme

London Borough of Havering

Protocol for co-ordination of (Year 3) Admissions to Junior Schools for the Academic Year 2015-16

Applications

1. Applications from residents of this LA will be made on this LA's Infant to Junior Common Application Form (JCAF) for admission to Year 3 in a junior school, unless paragraph 14. below applies. This will include all the fields and information specified in Schedule 1 to this LA Scheme. These will be supplemented by any additional fields and information which are deemed necessary by this LA to enable the admission authorities in the LA area to apply their published oversubscription

criteria. The form will be available from this LA and will also be downloadable from this LA's website.

- 2. The admission authorities within this LA will not use supplementary information forms except where the information available through the Common Application Form is insufficient for consideration of the application against the published oversubscription criteria. Where supplementary information forms are used by the admissions authorities within this LA, the LA will seek to ensure that these only collect information which is required by the published oversubscription criteria, in accordance with paragraph 2.4 of the School Admissions Code.
- 3. Where supplementary information forms are used by admission authorities in this LA, they will be available on this LA's website. Such forms will advise parents that they must also complete their home LA's Common Application Form. This LA's admission booklet and website will indicate which schools in this LA require supplementary forms to be completed and where they can be obtained.
- 4. Where a school in this LA receives a supplementary information form, this LA will not consider it to be a valid application unless the parent/carer has also listed the school on their home LA's Common Application Form, in accordance with paragraph 2.3 of the School Admissions Code 2012.
- 5. Applicants will be able to express a preference for up to six maintained junior schools and/ or academies within and/or outside the Home LA.
- 6. The order of preference given on the Infant to Junior Common Application Form will not be revealed to a school within the area of this LA in accordance with paragraph 1.9 of the School Admissions Code 2012. However, where a parent resident in this LA expresses a preference for schools in the area of another LA, the order of preference for that LA's schools will be revealed to that LA in order that it can determine the highest ranked preference in cases where an applicant is eligible for a place at more than one school in that LA's area.
- 7. This LA undertakes to carry out the address verification process set out in its entry in the Business User Guide. This will in all cases include validation of resident applicants against this LA's maintained primary school data and the further investigation of any discrepancy. Where this LA is not satisfied as to the validity of an address of an applicant whose preference has been sent to a maintaining LA, it will advise the maintaining LA no later than **13 February 2015.**
- 8. This LA will confirm the status of any resident child for whom it receives a Common Application Form stating s/he is a 'Child Looked After', or who was "Looked After", but ceased to be so because (s)he was adopted (or became subject to a Residence Order or Special Guardianship Order immediately following having

been "Looked After", and will provide evidence to the maintaining LA in respect of a preference for a school in its area by **3 February 2015**.

9. This LA will advise a maintaining LA of the reason for any preference expressed for a school in its area, in respect of a resident child born outside of the correct age cohort, and will forward any supporting documentation to the maintaining LA by **3 February 2015.**

Processing

- 10. Applicants resident within this LA who wish to apply for a place at an <u>outborough</u> junior school/ academy must return the Infant to Junior Common Application Form to this LA by **15 January 2015**.
- 11. Parents/ carers applying for places at <u>out-borough</u> academies and voluntary aided and foundation junior schools will be advised that they may need to complete and submit a supplementary information form direct to the school by **15 January 2015**.
- 12. This LA will pass details of any preference for a school in the area of another LA to the maintaining LA using the Pan-London Secure Document Exchange by **3 February 2015**. Supplementary information provided with the Common Application Form will be sent to the maintaining LA's by the same date.
- 13. Under this LA's admission arrangements, when a child is due to transfer schools in Year 3 from a community infant school located in this LA there is an entitlement to transfer to the partner* community junior school. Should there be any vacancies left in a junior school after children from the partner infant school have been accommodated, then all other applications will be considered using the published admissions criteria.
- 14. The parents/ carers of children attending a community infant school located in this LA who wish their children to be admitted to Year 3 at the partner community junior school in September 2014 will be required to confirm this, in writing by, **3 February 2015**, using the standard proforma supplied by the LA.
- 15. The parents/ carers of children attending community infant schools located in this LA who wish to apply for a place at <u>a community junior school other than the infant school's partner junior school</u> should submit a separate Infant to Junior Common Application Form listing these schools by **15 January 2015**.
- 16. Applications for places using the Infant to Junior Common Application Form received after **15 January 2015** will not be considered by the LA until all of the applications received by that date have been dealt with unless the parent/ carer has just arrived in the borough; the delay has been created by factors outside of their control, or there are other exceptional circumstances. The reasons for a late application must be submitted in writing and each case will be considered and decided on its own merits.

- 17. The LA will notify the governing bodies of schools acting as their own admissions authorities (foundation and voluntary aided schools and academies) of every preference expressed for those schools by **13 February 2014.** The admissions authorities will apply their published admission criteria to the preferences received and rank them accordingly. The list of preferences, ranked in accordance with the admissions criteria, will be returned to the LA by **5 March 2015.**
- 18. This LA, as the Home LA, will eliminate all but the highest ranked offer by **16 March 2015**.
- 19. This LA will inform the home LA of the highest potential offer available to an applicant for a junior school in this LA's area no later than **16 March 2015**.

Offers

- 20. This LA will inform all resident applicants Infant to Junior Common Application Form of their highest offer of a school place and, where relevant, the reasons why higher preferences were not offered, whether they were for schools in the Home LA or in other participating LA's.
- 21. This LA will, on **16 April 2015**, send by first class post notification of the outcome to resident applicants who have applied for places at out-borough junior schools/ academies and/or junior schools other than the infant school's partner junior school located within this LA.
- 22. This LA will make available to infant and junior schools the destination data of its resident applicants by the end of the summer term 2015.

Post Offer

- 23. This LA will request that resident applicants accept or decline the offer of a place by **30 April 2015**, or within two weeks of the date of any subsequent offer.
- 24. Where an applicant resident in this LA accepts or declines a place in a school maintained by another LA by **30 April 2015**, this LA will forward the information to the maintaining LA by **14 May 2015**. Where such information is received from applicants after **14 May 2015**, this LA will pass it to the maintaining LA as it is received.
- 25. The LA will automatically place children on a waiting list for higher preference schools for the first term in the normal year of entry. At the end of this period parents/ carers will need to request that their children's names be placed on the waiting list for community and voluntary controlled schools via the completion of a "Waiting List Notification Form". If the school concerned is a foundation or voluntary aided school or academy located within the borough details of how individual schools maintain their waiting lists can be obtained from the LA's website or via the websites of the individual school's concerned. If the school concerned is located in

another borough, then parents/ carers will be advised to contact the individual school concerned or the maintaining LA to ask whether a waiting list is maintained and, if so, request that their child's name can be added to the list.

*Partner community infant/ junior schools in the London Borough of Havering:

Ardleigh Green Infant and Junior

Brookside Infant and Junior

Crownfield Infant and Junior

Langtons Infant and Langtons Junior Academy

Parklands Infant and Junior

Rise Park Infant and Junior

Scargill Infant and Junior

Squirrels Heath Infant and Junior

Towers Infant and Junior

Whybridge Infant and Junior

Other partner infant/ junior schools in the London Borough of Havering:

St Ursula's Catholic Infant and Junior (voluntary aided denominational faith school)
Upminster Infant and Junior (academies)

CO-ORDINATED ADMISSIONS SCHEME LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING SCHEDULE 1

Minimum Content of Common Application Form for Admissions to Year 3 (Junior Schools) in 2015/16

Child's details:

Surname

Forename(s)

Middle name(s)

Date of Birth

Gender

Home address

Name of current school

Address of current school (if outside home LA)

Parent's details:

Title

Surname

Forename

Address (if different to child's address)

Telephone Number (Home, Daytime, Mobile)

Email address

Relationship to child

Preference details (x 6 schools):

Name of school

Address of school

Preference ranking

Local authority in which the school is based

Additional information:

Reasons for Preferences (including any medical or social reasons)

Does the child have a statement of SEN? Y/N

Is the child a 'Child Looked After' (CLA)? Y/N

Is the child formerly CLA but now adopted or subject of a "Residence Order" or "Special Guardianship Order"? Y/N

If yes, name of responsible local authority

Surname of sibling

Forename of sibling

DOB of sibling

Gender of sibling

Name of school sibling attends

Other:

Signature of parent or guardian

Date of signature

CO-ORDINATED ADMISSIONS SCHEME

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING

Timetable for Admissions to Year 3 (Junior Schools) in 2015/16

15 Jan 2015	Statutory deadline for receipt of applications using the Infant to Junior Common Application Form (JCAF) from residents who wish to apply for a place at an out-borough junior school and/ or parents/ carers of children attending community infant schools located in this LA who wish to apply for a place at a community junior school other than the infant school's partner junior school.	
3 Feb 2015	Deadline for receipt of written confirmation from the parents/ carers of children attending a community infant school located in this LA that they wish their children to be admitted to Year 3 at the partner junior school in September 2014. Details of any preferences for out-borough junior schools passed to maintaining authority.	
	scribbles passed to maintaining authority.	
23 Mar- 10 April 2015	Checking of offer data	
16 April 2015	Offer letters posted.	
30 April 2015	Deadline for receipt of acceptances	
14 May 2015	Deadline for transfer of acceptances to	

maintaining LA's