

The logo of St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School is centered in the background. It features a large, light grey circle containing a stylized figure of a person with arms outstretched. The figure is composed of a yellow circle for the head and a white shape for the body. A white cross is positioned above the figure's head.

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Secondary School Transfer Meeting

Welcome!

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Let us pray together...

Lord, we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in planning the next stage of our child's education.

Over the coming weeks, help us to keep focused on what is best for our child and consider all the options.

Give us the wisdom to make those decisions responsibly.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

When to apply

- You will be able to apply for Year 7 2026 online at: www.eadmissions.org.uk from 1st September 2025
- **WARNING** - Deadline for applications is 31st October 2025
- Do not leave your application until the last minute. You are strongly advised to submit form before **24th October 2025**.

How to apply

- Create an account using www.eadmissions.org.uk , you will receive immediate confirmation by email
- Make a note of your username and password
- You must complete the Common Application Form (CAF) for the Borough you live in

What do I do now? Lots of reading and visiting

- Information leaflet has dates and times of open days/evenings
- Visit schools
- Use websites
- Compare and contrast – you have a good idea of what you do and what you don't want
- Read the online prospectus 'Starting High School 2026' (www.ealing.gov.uk/admissions) – look at the criteria and statistics
- What's good for the eldest child may not necessarily be good for the younger child
- Specialist places – check school websites and download forms
- Beware of school gate gossip

Types of Schools

Schools to list on your application:

- State maintained high schools, Academies, Faith Schools, Foundation Schools, Community schools and Grammar Schools

Schools **not** to list on your application:

- Private/Independent Schools
- New schools that are proposed to open in 2026

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- List schools in **PREFERENTIAL** and a realistic order – **not** alphabetical order:
- 1 The school you really WANT
- 2 The school you would be really happy with
- 3 The school you would be happy with
- 4 - 6 Three other schools that you would also be happy with
- Submit at least one 'banker' school

When you submit your application you will get a reference number (16 digits)

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- The preference order does not affect your priority to be offered a place and schools will not see where they are listed on your application
- If you meet the admissions criteria to be allocated a place at more than one school, you will receive an offer for the highest preference only, the lower preferences will be withdrawn

Outcome example

Preference Rank	Meets admissions criteria to be offered	Outcome on National Offer Day
1 st Preference School	No	Placed on Waiting List
2 nd Preference School	Yes	Place Offered
3 rd Preference School	No	Application Withdrawn
4 th Preference School	Yes	Application Withdrawn
5 th Preference School	Yes	Application Withdrawn
6 th Preference School	No	Application Withdrawn

Applying for a Catholic School

- All of the above, plus:
- On the Common Application Form (CAF) write reason for preference...Your faith
- Complete the school Supplementary Information Form (SIF) – Governors rank you using this form and their school criteria
- Get Certificate/s of Catholic Practice from your priest
- When getting forms signed by priest, take all Catholic School forms in one go
- Take to the school of choice and ask for a receipt/mail by 'sign for delivery'/email – check what school prefers

Looked after children or previously looked after children

- If you are completing your application for child that is currently in the care of a local authority you will need to attach a letter from the child's social worker to your application
- If your child was in the care of a local authority immediately prior to adoption or becoming subject to a residence, special guardianship or child arrangements order you will need to provide a copy of the order / proof of adoption **and** proof of your child's previous looked after status
- If your child was in state care outside of England and ceased to be as a result of being adopted you will need to provide evidence with the application for priority to be considered

Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP)

- No need to complete a CAF as the SEND Assessment Service will reserve places for children with Education, Health and Care Plans after consultation with parents and school/s
- **As parent, you must chase department**

Exceptional medical/social circumstances

- Check if the school to which you are applying gives priority to exceptional medical or social circumstances
- If the school does not have an exceptional medical/social criteria, priority cannot be awarded
- If the school does award priority under this criteria you must provide a **supporting letter from a consultant (medical) or appropriate professional i.e social worker (social)** stating why education must be at the preferred school by the closing date

Information Required

- Proof of date of birth e.g. birth certificate, passport
- Proof of address is not required at the time of application, however, if Ealing are unable to verify the address from their records they will require proof of address
- **Please note** – If you give a false address, any offer that has been made will be withdrawn

Moving address

- If you move after submitting your application form but before the closing date, 31st October, you must update your application with the new address. Failure to do so may result in withdrawal of offer.
- If you move address between 1st November and 12th December, you may choose to update your address and new preferences
- Any change of address after 12th December cannot be dealt with until after 1st March

Applying for a school out of Borough

If you live in Ealing and wish to apply for an out of Borough school:

- Apply for the school/s on the same application
- Look at the council's website where the school is located for details of entry requirements

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- Single offer date – After 5pm on 2nd March 2026
- Single Offer – you will only get an offer from one school
- ‘Best possible’ – you will be ranked using the school admission criteria
- Confirm if accepting or declining place offered by 16th March 2026 after which the site closes
- If using eAdmissions – **remember logins and passwords**

Need help?

- Make an appointment to see me or the office staff
- Do something – late applicants have little hope
- Don't try to play the system, your child deserves better
- Do reflect and pray

Late applications

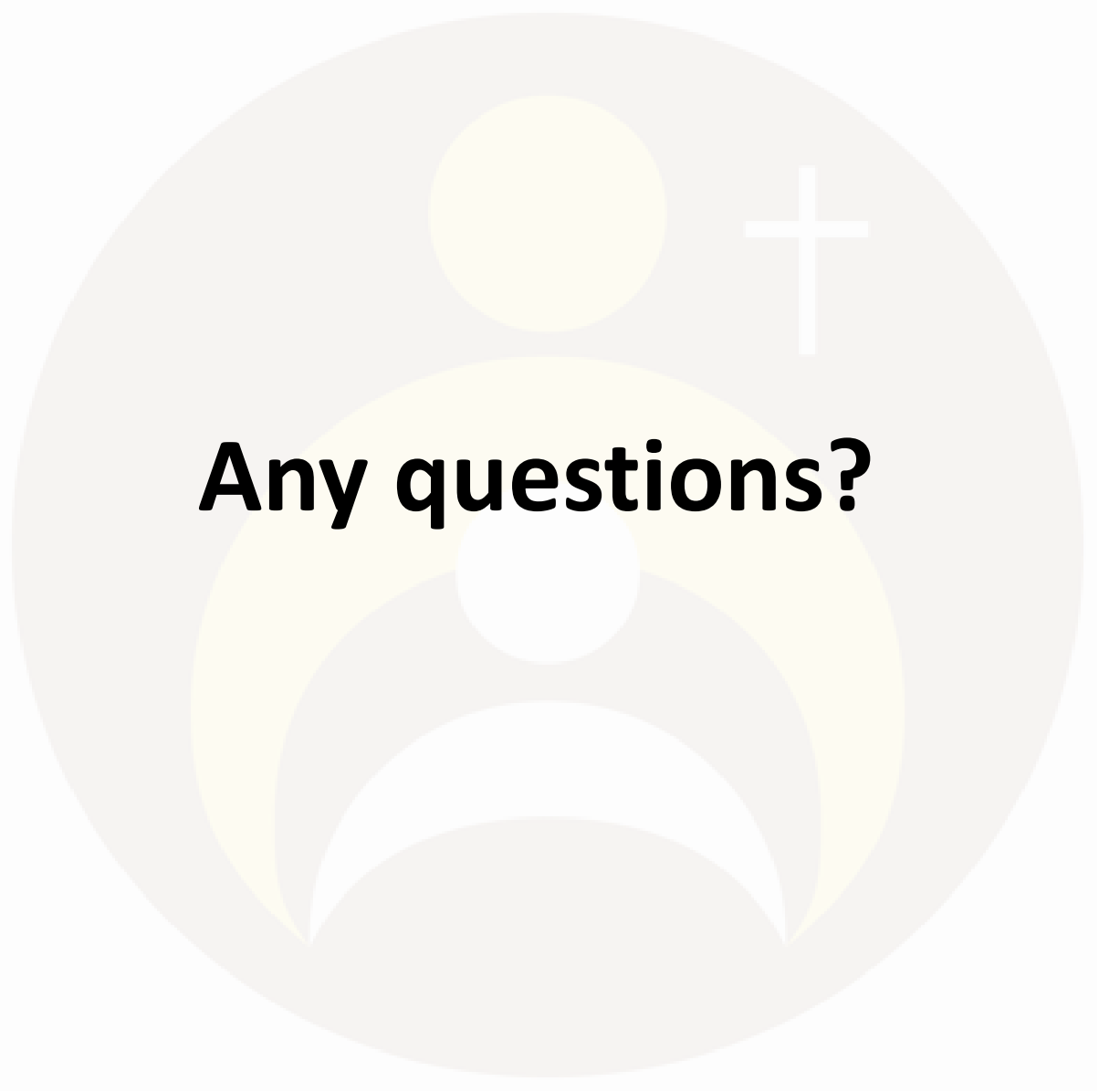
- Applications received after the closing date will not be dealt with until after offers have been made to on time applicants; Round 2 offers close on 20th March 2026

You don't get the offer you wanted

- Accept what you are offered
- Don't talk down the school you are offered
- See me or office staff
- Go on the waiting list, this may not be automatic, ring the school and asked to be placed on it
- Contact admissions: Monday to Friday 9am to 12pm on 0208 825 5511 or email mainroundadmissions@ealing.gov.uk
- Consider an appeal

The good news!

- St Joseph's has prepared your children well for this transition
- There is a tougher regime in Year 5 and Year 6 with regards to homework, uniform, manners and discipline
- The result is that children settle well at High School
- There are fewer Catholic children about

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