

# Grange Primary School

Starting at Secondary School  
September 2021

Information for parents about how to apply  
for a secondary school in Southwark

London Borough of Southwark  
School Admissions Team

Starting secondary  
school in Southwark  
2021/22

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**Deadline:**

Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020

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# What will we cover?

- Information for parents
- How to apply for a secondary school place
- Offers of places
- Timetable

# Information for Parents

- ✓ Leaflet with timetable for secondary transfer - September 2020
- ✓ Booklet about the secondary schools in Southwark and how to apply
- ✓ Online application period opens – 1 September 2020
- ✓ School open days and evenings - September/October
- ✓ Secondary School websites - see secondary booklet or use Google
- ✓ School Admissions web pages: [www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions)
- ✓ Contact the Southwark School Admissions Team – 020 7525 5337 or email: [schools.admissions@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:schools.admissions@southwark.gov.uk)



# How to apply for a secondary school place

- Read the 'Starting Secondary School in Southwark 2021/ 2022
- Decide on your preferred schools and make sure that your child meets the admission criteria.
- Complete your application online from 1 September 2020, at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) or visit [www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions) for the link to the e-Admissions site
- Southwark residents can list up to six preferences for any type of school in any area, in order from 1 to 6. You don't have to list 6 schools, but the more you list, the greater the likelihood of being offered a school that you would be happy with. All preferences are equal – schools do not know where you have placed them on your application form



# Finding the right school for your child

## How to apply

### **Start finding out about schools now**

- Before you decide which schools to apply for and your order of preference, we strongly advise that you read the guidance in this brochure.
- You will find information about schools in Southwark either within this brochure, from the schools directly, online or by contacting Southwark Council's school admissions team on 020 7525 5337.
- You can also talk to teachers and other parents/carers whilst thinking about what is important to you and your child.

### **Look at school brochures/websites**

- All schools produce their own brochures, which contain far more information about the school than can be provided in the brochure.
- Many schools also have their own website which can be a valuable source of information. School websites are included on the individual school's page within this brochure.
- To help you research which schools are right for your child, all Southwark Council libraries offer free access to the internet with staff on hand to help. To find your local library, contact Southwark Council's customer service centre on 020 7525 5000



# Finding the right school for your child

## How to apply

### **Visit as many schools as possible**

- Parents and carers are strongly encouraged to visit schools to see what each has to offer.
- Contact schools for a copy of their prospectus and details of their open days/evenings. Due to the current circumstances relating to Covid-19, we strongly advise families to check each school's website for details on how and when they will be holding their open day/evening as this may be subject to change at short notice.
- If you are interested in applying for a school, look at their oversubscription criteria in detail before completing the online application and listing it as a preference.

### **Look at the most recent Ofsted reports**

- All schools in Southwark are inspected regularly by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted). Ofsted's main aim is to help improve the quality and standard of education and childcare through independent inspection. You can check the latest report for any school by asking the school for a copy or by visiting the Ofsted website [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted)

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# Ability/ Aptitude Tests

- ▶ Due to recent circumstances relating to COVID-19, many schools which test for a child's ability or aptitude have postponed their admission tests until later in the Autumn term.
- ▶ If you are thinking of applying to such schools, you must ensure that you register your child for the ability/aptitude admission test before each school's published deadline and you must also submit your child's online admissions application by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2020**.





# The offer process

- ▶ You will receive an email after 5pm on Monday, 01<sup>st</sup> March 2021 which will provide information on what to do next. You will also be able to view the outcome of your application on the eAdmissions website during the evening of 01<sup>st</sup> March 2021.
- ▶ Application results will not be provided over the telephone.
- ▶ Please note that the offer of a school place is conditional until proof of your address has been confirmed by the school.
- ▶ Original copies of the following will be required:
  - Child benefit documentation, or if you are no longer eligible to receive child benefit, a letter from the HMRC confirming that you were previously in receipt of child benefit
  - Council tax bill
  - One other proof of address, e.g. TV licence, bank statement, credit/store card statement.

# Southwark Information, Advice and Support team (SIAS)

The SIAS team provides parents and young people access to confidential and impartial information, advice and support so that they can make informed decisions related to education and pathways to employment. This is achieved by working in partnership with parents and young people, providing information, guidance and training, working with relevant agencies and ensuring parents' and young people's views influence local policy and practice.

- Southwark Information, Advice and Support team

This service is free to all parents and young people who live in Southwark where a child or young person is aged 0 to 25 years with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

020 7525 3104

[sias@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:sias@southwark.gov.uk)



# Timetable

1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020	Online application system opens
September/October 2020	Schools open days and evenings
31 <sup>st</sup> October 2020	Closing date for secondary school applications
01 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	Offers sent by email to all parents who applied online Letters posted by first class post to parents who didn't apply online and those not offered their first preference school



# Check List

- ▶ Visit schools in September and October
- ▶ Check oversubscription criteria – make sure you know how each school allocates places
- ▶ Complete and return Supplementary Information Forms to faith schools by the published date
- ▶ Apply online by **Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020**
- ▶ Make sure you apply on time! Late applicants will miss out on the most popular schools



# Support with Applications at Grange Primary School

- ▶ Please do not hesitate to email or phone the school office if you require assistance with your application. An appointment will be arranged with a member of the Office staff who can be contacted on:

Telephone: 0207 771 6121 or

Email: [office@grange.southwhark.sch.uk](mailto:office@grange.southwhark.sch.uk)