

Additional information for Sutton parents who have not received an offer at one of their preference schools – September 2020

Unfortunately, as happens each year, it has not been possible to offer every Sutton child a place at a school that they listed as a preference on their application form. This is because for each of the schools that were named on these application forms, there were more applications than places available, and other applicants had a higher priority for a place under each school's published admission criteria.

The London Borough of Sutton (the Local Authority) has a legal duty to ensure that a place is made available for every Sutton child, whether this is at a school inside or outside the borough.

- If you have received an offer for a school that you did not apply for, the Local Authority has met its statutory responsibility for your child.
- If you have not yet received an offer for a school, the Local Authority will continue to track your application to ensure that your child is offered a school place. However, this may be at a school that you did not apply for.

We recognise this is an anxious time for you. These notes are intended to provide you with more information on what you might do in order to secure a place at a more preferred school for your child.

Waiting lists

- Your child's name has automatically been added to the waiting lists for all the schools that you named as a preference on your application form. However, you are also advised to apply for other schools within the London Borough of Sutton and for schools in neighbouring local authorities which are close to your home. You can apply for other schools by letting Sutton's School Admissions Team know by emailing suttonadmissions@cognus.org with your revised preference order.
- Parents who have received an offer of a school place have until the 30th April 2020 to accept or decline that offer. Every year, some parents decline their offer, and this creates vacancies to be offered to other children. We will start to make further offers to fill these vacancies after 13 May 2020, and it is important that you act quickly to go on other school's waiting lists in order to maximise your child's chances of being offered a school place. **Failure to add your child's name to other school's waiting lists now may mean that your child will miss out on an offer that they might be eligible for.**
- There is no guarantee that a place will become available at one of the schools you initially applied for. Considering other schools now will not affect your child's waiting list position for more preferred schools but it does increase your opportunity of being offered a place at a school that you would be willing to consider. As many schools allocate places on distance, you are encouraged to put your child's name on the waiting list for each of the schools that they would have been eligible for under the distance criteria, had you initially applied to them.

Schools with a small or no waiting list as at 16th April 2020:

There are a small number of schools that have a small or no waiting list these are:

Abbey Primary
Glastonbury Road
Morden
SM4 6NY
Tel: 0208 254 0862

Tweeddale Primary School
Tweeddale Road
Carshalton
SM5 1SW
Tel: 020 8644 5665

Beddington Infants
Croydon Road
Wallington
SM6 7LF
Tel: 020 8647 7813

Beddington Park
Mallinson Road
Beddington
CR0 4UL
Tel: 020 8688 1390

Brookfield Primary
Ridge Road
North Cheam
SM3 9LY
Tel: 020 8644 8616

Dorchester Primary School
Dorchester Road
Worcester Park
KT4 8PG
Tel: 020 8330 1144

Culvers House Primary
Orchard Avenue
Mitcham
CR4 4JH
Tel: 020 8255 6199

Muschamp Primary
Muschamp Road
Carshalton
SM5 2SE
Tel: 020 8669 2514

Rushy Meadow Primary
Rushy Meadow Lane
Fellowes Road
Carshalton, SM5 2SG
Tel: 020 8669 7588

St Elphege's RC Infants
Mollison Drive
Wallington
SM6 9HY
Tel: 020 8669 6306

It is our duty to let you know of those schools which may have vacancies so that you can decide whether you wish to apply for them. If you are interested in applying for any of these schools please indicate it on your reply slip or let Sutton's School Admissions Team know by emailing suttonadmissions@cognus.org.uk before 30th April 2020.