

Transfer to Secondary School

Moving on 2023-2024



Agenda

- **Introduction to the process** – general guidance
- **Specific Focus on Rules 4-6 & Priority Areas**
- **Questions**

Bovingdon Transport Issues

- Please be aware that in Bovingdon your nearest school for Admissions is unlikely to be your nearest school for transport purposes.
- <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/home-to-school-transport/home-to-school-transport.aspx>
- Visit this link and search your postcode for your nearest schools for transport purposes. **‘Schools Locator’ will give you a good idea but is not 100% accurate!**

Last Year

95% of Hertfordshire children were offered 1 of their 4 school preferences in 2022/23.

79% got their first preference



How do I decide which schools to apply to?

Be realistic!

Consider
which criteria
apply to you!

Read the
admission
criteria
carefully!

Consider which is
your nearest
school!

Find out how
many children
were offered
places in the
past!

No
guarantees!

How do I decide which schools to apply to?

Do not base decision on
experiences of others!

Things change
every year!

Use all 4
options!

Beware of school
gate gossip!

Last year, 807 children
were allocated
secondary schools they
didn't rank.

Of those, 31% didn't list
their nearest school and
118 children (14%) only
listed 1 school.

Beware of
pupil power!

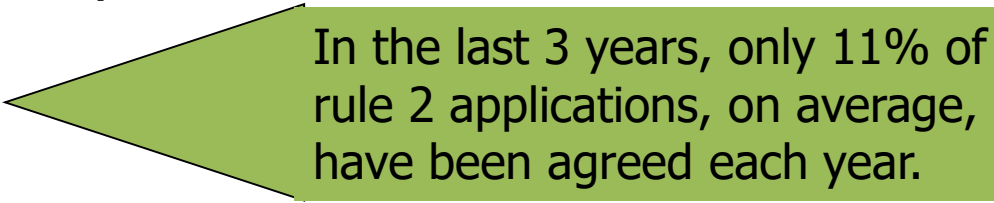
Beware of school
transport issues!

How to Apply

- Visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk and register or log in then follow the process for the online application.
- When you apply, you should list 4 schools in order of preference (we sometimes call this your "ranked" schools).
- Research schools to help you make the right school preferences for your child.
 - This includes looking at a school's admission rules (how they work out who will be offered a place).

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions! If you live in Hertfordshire

The Admission Rules

1. Children in public care (looked after children).
2. Children with a particular medical or social need. 

In the last 3 years, only 11% of rule 2 applications, on average, have been agreed each year.
3. Children who have a sibling at the school at the time of application.



Secure!

The Admission Rules (contd)





4. In the priority area and for whom it is the nearest maintained/non-faith co-education school or academy. **Nearest school exempt from selection, faith and gender.**
5. In the priority area who live nearest to the school or academy. **Actual nearest school.**
6. Outside the priority area on the basis of distance, with those living nearest to the school given priority. **Might be nearest school as crow flies according to where boundary falls for priority area.**

The Priority Areas

Priority areas for co-educational community schools and foundation schools or academies using the county council's admission rules



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	Bordering authorities
	Priority Areas
	Priority Area 6a Nash Mills, Hemel Hempstead, Nettleden with Potten End, Berkhamsted, Northchurch, Great Gaddesden, Little Gaddesden, Aldbury, Wigginton, Tring and Tring Rural
	Priority Area 6b Bovingdon, Chipperfield, Kings Langley, Abbots Langley, Watford, Sarratt, Flaunden, Chorleywood, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth and Maple Cross

How priority areas are used

Priority areas are used by schools that use our admission rules. Some foundation schools and academies also use our rules and priority areas to prioritise applications.

Your child is not guaranteed a place at a school in your priority area but they will be considered before children living outside the priority area.

Within each priority area, children who apply to their nearest school will be considered under Rule 4. "Nearest school" in this context means their nearest Hertfordshire maintained school or academy which is:

non-faith

co-educational (accepts boys and girls)

non-partially selective (doesn't offer places based on academic ability).

Priority area	Villages, towns and parishes	Secondary schools
1. Hitchin	Hexton, Hitchin, Holwell, Ickleford, Langley, Lilley, Offley, Pirton, Preston, St Ippolyts, Wymondley.	The Priory
2. Letchworth Garden City	Letchworth	Fearnhill Highfield
3. Baldock and surrounding villages	Ashwell, Baldock, Bygrave, Caldecote, Clothall, Edworth, Hinxworth, Newnham, Radwell, Rushden, Sandon, Wallington, Weston.	The Knights Templar
4. Buntingford, Puckeridge and Royston	Anstey, Ardeley, Aspenden, Barkway, Barley, Braughing, Brent Pelham, Buckland, Buntingford, Cottered, Great Munden, Hormead, Kelshall, Meesden, Nuthampstead, Reed, Royston, Standon, Therfield, Westmill, Wyddial.	
5. Stevenage	Aston, Benington, Datchworth, Graveley, Great Ashby, Knebworth, Stevenage, Walkern.	The Barclay Barnwell Marriotts The Nobel The Thomas Alleyne

Priority area	Villages, towns and parishes	Secondary schools
6. Hemel Hempstead, Kings Langley, Berkhamsted, Tring, Garston, Watford, Chorleywood and Rickmansworth	Abbots Langley, Aldbury, Berkhamsted, Bovingdon, Chipperfield, Chorleywood, Croxley Green, Flaunden, Great Gaddesden, Hemel Hempstead, Kings Langley, Little Gaddesden, Nash Mills, Nettleden with Potten End, Northchurch, Rickmansworth (part) / Maple Cross, Sarratt, Tring, Tring Rural, Watford, Wigginton.	Kings Langley The Astley Cooper Laureate Academy The Hemel Hempstead Longdean Westfield Academy
7. Harpenden and St Albans	Ayot St Lawrence, Colney Heath, Flamstead, Harpenden, Harpenden Rural, Kimpton, King's Walden, London Colney, Markyate, Redbourn, Ridge, Sandridge, St Michael, St Pauls Walden, St Stephen, St Albans, Shenley, Wheathampstead.	Beaumont Sir John Lawes Roundwood Park Samuel Ryder Academy
8. Welwyn Garden City, Hatfield, Potters Bar and Brookmans Park	Ayot St Peter, Codicote, Essendon, Hatfield, North Mymms, Potters Bar, South Mimms, Welwyn Garden City, Welwyn, Woolmer Green.	Monks Walk Onslow St Audreys Ridgeway Academy Stanborough

Priority area	Villages, towns and parishes	Secondary schools
9. Ware and Hertford	Bayford, Bengoe Rural, Bramfield, Brickendon Liberty, Great Amwell, Hertford, Hertford Heath, Hertingfordbury, Hunsdon, Little Berkhamsted, Little Munden, Sacombe, Stanstead St Margarets, Stapleford, Tewin, Thundridge, Ware, Wareside, Watton-at-Stone, Widford.	Chauncy Simon Balle
10. Bishop's Stortford and Sawbridgeworth	Albury, Birchanger, Bishop's Stortford, Eastwick, Elsenham, Furneux Pelham, Gilston, Great Hallingbury, High Wych, Little Hadham, Little Hallingbury, Much Hadham, Sawbridgeworth, Sheering, Stocking Pelham, Thorley.	
11. Borehamwood, Bushey and Watford Rural	Aldenham, Bushey, Elstree, Borehamwood, Watford Rural.	
12. Hoddesdon, Broxbourne, Turnford and Cheshunt	Broxbourne, Cheshunt, Hoddesdon, Nazeing, Northaw & Cuffley, Stanstead Abbots, Waltham Cross.	Robert Barclay Haileybury Turnford


Home to School Distance

All home – school distances for admission purposes will be measured by straight line distance, using a computerised mapping system.

Customer Service Centre for advice:
0300 123 4043

Bovingdon – Schools nearest here (HP3 0HL)!

- ☐ Ashlyns
- ☐ John F Kennedy
- ☐ Hemel Hempstead
- ☐ Kings Langley
- ☐ Laureate Academy



**This will vary
according to
your postcode!**

Bovingdon – Schools nearest here (HP3 0HL)!



- ☐ Chesham Grammar (Bucks)
- ☐ Longdean
- ☐ Chiltern Hills Academy
- ☐ Adeyfield
- ☐ St Clement Danes

Open Evenings

School	Date
Ashlyns School	Thursday 5 th October
(The) Hemel Hempstead School	Saturday 7 th October
JFK School	Tuesday 3 rd October
Kings Langley School	Thursday 5 th October
Laureate Academy	Thursday 28 th September
Parmiter's School	Thursday 14 th September
St Clement Danes School	Saturday 30 th September

Kings Langley School



Love Lane
Kings Langley
Hertfordshire
WD4 9HN

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Email: admin@kls.herts.sch.uk

Head teacher: David Fisher

School type: Secondary Mixed

School category: Academy

School number: 902

DFE number: 919-4096

Published Admission Number: 186

how many children this school is admitting

Number of children on roll: 1100

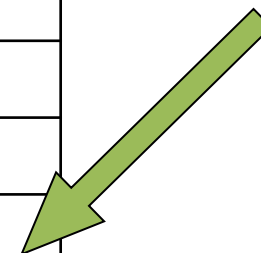
Kings Langley School

What happened in the last two years?

	2022	2023
Number of places available	186	186
Number of applications made	695	701
Number of places offered	214	186

Kings Langley School

Places offered under each rule		
Rules (in rule priority order)	2022	2023
Sen (special Educational Needs)	5	3
Children Looked After Or Previously Looked After	1	2
Medical/social	0	0
Siblings	72	75
In Priority Area 6b, Nearest School In 6b	80	89
In Priority Area, Distance	56	17
Outside Priority Area, Distance	0	0



Kings Langley School



Parishes in the priority area for this school are:

6a: Aldbury, Berkhamsted, Great Gaddesden, Hemel Hempstead, Little Gaddesden, Nash Mills, Nettleden with Potton End, Northchurch, Tring, Tring Rural, Wigginton.

6b: Abbots Langley, Bovingdon, Chorleywood and Rickmansworth, Chipperfield, Croxley Green, Flaunden, Sarratt, Kings Langley, Rickmansworth (part) /Maple Cross and Watford

Ashlyns



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Hertfordshire
HP4 3AH

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Head teacher: James Shapland

School type: Secondary Mixed

School category: Foundation

School number: 915

DFE number: 919-5406

Published Admission Number: 240

how many children this school is admitting

Number of children on roll: 1506

Transport/supportive discussions

Ashlyns

What happened in the last two years?

	2022	2023
Number of places available	240	240
Number of applications made	638	611
Number of places offered	240	240

Ashlyns

Rules (in rule priority order)	2022	2023
Sen (special Educational Needs)	6	10
Children Looked After Or Previously Looked After	6	2
Medical/social	0	1
Siblings	104	80
Children of Staff	1	2
In Priority Area, Nearest School	123	126
In Priority Area, Not Nearest School	0	19
Outside Priority Area, Distance	0	0



Ashlyns

Parishes in the priority area of the school are:

Abbots Langley, Aldbury, Ashley Green, Berkhamsted, Bovingdon, Chipperfield, Chorleywood, Croxley Green, Flaunden, Great Gaddesden, Hemel Hempstead, Kings Langley, Little Gaddesden, Nash Mills, Nettleden with Potten End, Northchurch, Rickmansworth (part) / Maple Cross, Sarratt, Tring, Tring Rural, Watford, Wigginton.

The Hemel Hempstead School



The Hemel Hempstead School

Heath Lane
Hemel Hempstead
Hertfordshire
HP1 1TX

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Telephone: 01442 390100

Fax:

Email: admin@hhs.herts.sch.uk

Head teacher: Neil Hassell

School type: Secondary Mixed

School category: Foundation

School number: 801

DFE number: 919-4005

Published Admission Number: 217

how many children this school is admitting

Number of children on roll: 1297

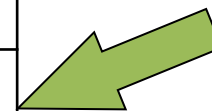
The Hemel Hempstead School

What happened in the last two years?

	2022	2023
Number of places available	217	217
Number of applications made	947	924
Number of places offered	217	218

The Hemel Hempstead School

Rules (in rule priority order)	2022	2023
Sen (special Educational Needs)	6	2
Children Looked After Or Previously Looked After	8	3
Medical/Social	0	0
Siblings	80	79
Children of Staff	4	4
In Priority Area, Nearest School	94	96
In Priority Area, Not Nearest School	25	34
Outside Priority Area, Distance	0	0



The Hemel Hempstead School



Parishes in the priority area for this school are:

Abbots Langley, Aldbury, Berkhamsted, Bovingdon, Chipperfield, Chorleywood, Croxley Green, Flaunden, Great Gaddesden, Hemel Hempstead, Kings Langley, Little Gaddesden, Nash Mills, Nettleden with Potten End, Northchurch, Rickmansworth (part) / Maple Cross, Sarratt, Tring, Tring Rural, Watford and Wigginton.

Laureate Academy

Warners End Road
Hemel Hempstead
Hertfordshire
HP1 3DW

www.futureacademies.org/page/?title=Laureate+Academy&pid=1130

Telephone: 01442 404333

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Email: admin@laureateacademy.org.uk

Head teacher: Matt Singh

School type: Secondary Mixed

School category: Academy

School number: 806

DFE number: 919-4033

Published Admission Number: 210

Number of children on roll: 754

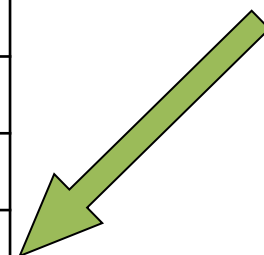
Laureate Academy

What happened in the last two years?

	2022	2023
Number of places available	210	210
Number of applications made	276	267
Number of places offered	157	182

Laureate Academy

Rules (in rule priority order)	2022	2023
Sen (special Educational Needs)	1	3
Children Looked After Or Previously Looked After	0	0
Medical/Social	0	1
Siblings	41	42
In Priority Area, Nearest School	44	38
In Priority Area, Not Nearest School	19	23
Outside Priority Area, Distance	0	0
Non Ranked Allocation	52	75



Destination Secondary Schools 2021 - 2022

Adeyfield Academy	1
Ashlyns	9
Chesham Grammar School	4
Chiltern Hills	2
John F Kennedy Roman Catholic School	1
Kings Langley School	20
Longdean School	1
St Clement Danes	2
The Hemel Hempstead School	5
The Reach Free School	1
Townsend C of E (VA) Secondary School	1
Linslade Secondary School	1
The Royal Masonic	1
Laureate Academy	1

Destination Secondary Schools 2022-2023

Ashlyns	18
Aylesbury (Buckinghamshire)	1
Chesham Grammar School	4
Chiltern Hills	1
John F Kennedy Roman Catholic School	1
Kings Langley School	26
Longdean	1
St Clement Danes	2
St George's School	1
The Hemel Hempstead School	3
Watford Grammar School for Boys	1

How It Works

HCC receives all applications

If more applications than places - rules apply

Rules applied without reference to ranking

If meet criteria for more than 1 –

- ranking order then applies

Making an application

When you apply, you should list 4 schools in order of preference (we sometimes call this your "ranked" schools).

Look at a school's admission rules (how they work out who will be offered a place).

All schools and academies must admit a child with a statement of special educational need or Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan that names the school.

Rule 1 – children looked after

Rule 2 – medical or social needs

Rule 3 – siblings

Rule 4 – in priority area, child's nearest school

Rule 5 – in priority area, living closest to school

Rule 6 – outside priority area, living closest to school

The Ranking System

Order	School	Code
1.	Kings Langley	9194096
2.	St Clement Danes	Refer to online directories
3.	Cavendish	Refer to online directories
4.	Chesham Grammar	Refer to online directories

Selecting Schools

Order	School	Code
1.	Kings Langley	9194096
2.	Kings Langley	9194096
3.	Kings Langley	9194096
4.	Kings Langley	9194096

Advice: ‘Do not do this!’

Selecting Schools

Order	School	Code
1.	Ashlyns	xxx
2.	Hemel Hempstead	xxx
3.	Kings Langley	xxx
4.	Longdean	xxx

Advice: ‘Select probable schools’

‘Use ranking system’

Selecting Schools

Order	School
1.	A school which I like and have a reasonable chance of meeting the criteria
2.	A school which I like and have a reasonable chance of meeting the criteria
3.	A school which I like and have a reasonable chance of meeting the criteria
4.	My nearest school

Advice: 'Do this!'

Selecting Schools

Order	School
1.	A school which I like and have a reasonable chance of meeting the criteria
2.	My nearest school
3.	A school which I like and have a reasonable chance of meeting the criteria

Advice: ‘You can do this but beware of possible transport issues!’

What to do if you are unhappy

The Continuing Interest Process

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

The Continuing Interest Process

- Process to reallocate unwanted places (e.g. child moves out of area – space becomes available)
- Children automatically placed on list for unmet preferences
- Maximum of 4 preferences at CI

The Appeals Process

- This process is explained on www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions in the 'What you can do now' leaflet

Appeals

- You can appeal if your child is not offered a place in any/all of your preferences
- On average 25% of parents who appeal for a secondary school place are successful
- Deadline for appeals: **28th March 2024 (4pm)**
- <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-and-upper-schools/secondary-school-appeals.aspx>

Meet the deadlines

31st October 2023
(online or paper)

Please also let US know your choices before this date!