

Dear Parents,

I hope this new term finds you and your family well.

Your child is now in Year 6 and that means it is time for you to be choosing the secondary school that you think is best for them and fill in the transfer form by the 31st October.

This email is to give you information and help you know what to. This year everything is online.

Y6 secondary transfer virtual information meetings - sign up for a session

Here is a link from the Tower Hamlets Transition Support Service for Y6 secondary transfer information meetings

To check dates and to book a place visit: <https://ST2024.eventbrite.co.uk>

Ready for School in Tower Hamlets 2024 booklet - now online

The 'Ready for School in Tower Hamlets 2024' is available to view online on the Tower Hamlets website www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions along with information and advice on the secondary transfer process.

There are 2 attachments

1. **'Parents Leaflet'** All the main dates to remember and links to the website and films are in the parents' leaflet
2. **'Applying online leaflet 2024'** A helpful leaflet to support making an application online

The secondary transfer form

You must apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

Banding

Your child has been placed in a Band for the purpose of allocating secondary school places. You will receive your child's Band in a letter which your child will bring home this week. You will need this band to complete the eadmissions form.

How was my child given a band?

Tower Hamlets has a policy of banding with the aim of ensuring that secondary schools take an even balance of pupils in different ability ranges. The band has been determined by reading assessments in Year 5. Children are placed in one of four bands Band A, B, C and D. D indicates the highest attainment band.

How can I get some help?

For some families this will be first time you have a child going to secondary school. Even if you have done it before it is all a bit different now. We understand that this can be a worrying time and, as always, we are here to help you - to talk, to listen and to support with

completing paperwork. It is also an exciting time as children prepare for the next stage of their education. Please don't hesitate to speak to us:

- The office team will be able to help with some enquiries.
- Susan and Lorraine from our Family Services team
- Jana Murray is Upper KS2 Assistant Head
- I am around and the deputy heads Hannah and Jen

Help and advice from Tower Hamlets

The Admissions Service School.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk Tel. 020 7364 4307 / 4670 / 2542 / 5860

Tower Hamlets Transition Support Service
transitions@towerhamlets.gov.uk Tel: 020 7364 1533

SEN Team for children who have an EHC Plan
Asma.Begum@towerhamlets.gov.uk Tel: 020 7364 4880

Important dates to remember

- Remember to submit your form by 31st October at the latest
- 1 March is National Offer Day when you will find out which school your child has been allocated

A note from me

I am often asked for advice about secondary schools and here are three things I would say:

1. Find out as much as you can about schools you might be interested in. Try to visit some schools, look at their website and talk to friends and neighbours about their experiences.
2. You know your child best so think about what could suit them best.
3. You can choose up to 6 schools so be prepared for not necessarily getting your first choice. Oh, and try not to worry too much.

With best wishes

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