

Frequently asked questions - Admission to Reception

How do I apply for a Reception place at Little Ealing?

The London Borough of Ealing is in charge of all admissions for Reception age children.

Children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 are due to start the first year of primary school (reception class) in September 2021.

You must apply directly to the council that you are living in at the time of application, regardless of the borough which the school is in. The deadline for applying for primary school is **15 January 2021**.

Applications received after this date are **late** and will not be considered until after National Offer Day.

The national offer day for on-time applicants is **16 April 2021**. If you apply online, you will receive an email in the evening on 16 April confirming the school that has been offered.

Please read the Local Authority guidance about applying for a primary school place and starting Primary School September 2021 [here](#).

This booklet will provide invaluable information about the full admissions process and all schools in the London Borough of Ealing.

What are the timings of the school day at Little Ealing?

We operate a **SOFT START** to the school day.

Children can enter school between **8:50am and 9:00am**

The end of the day is at 3pm

How many children are in Reception?

There are **three** reception classes called:

- Birkbeck
- Blondin
- Bramley

There are 30 children in each class. 90 children in the year group

Each class has an allocated class teacher, and an allocated fully qualified early years practitioner.

There are at least six members of staff allocated to Reception.

How many applications were there last year?

This academic year 509 applications were made for 90 places.

What was the distance of the last place, offered?

The distance of the last place offered on National Offer Day was 0.343 miles from the school.

How many children gained admission on the sibling's criteria?

Historically on average, 50% of Reception places are allocated to children with siblings in school.

Who will teach my child?

As well as your child's allocated class teacher and the early year's practitioner allocated to each class, our specialist teachers will also teach your child

Mr Maud - Our music specialist

Me Behzadi - Our PE specialist

Mr Burke our IT Specialist

What are the USP's (unique selling points) of Little Ealing

We are a larger than average primary school that has a real community feel to it.

Our Parent-Teacher Association work tirelessly to raise funds for the school but ensure that the year is peppered with events that draw the community together

We are a MindUp school, and reflection and mindfulness are interwoven throughout the daily organisation and curriculum planning.

Listening to a chime and have moments of reflection are integrated into the structure of our school day <https://mindup.org/>.

Academic results are, of course, significant to children, and we achieve exceptionally well at Little Ealing. However, we also ensure that children have creative, technical and sporting experiences that are so important to ensure that children have a balanced, exciting and creative learning experience during their primary years.

We are a very 'musical school'. We have a specialist music teacher – Mr Maud, who ensures that music is very much part the heart of all children's lives whilst at Little Ealing. We have a large school choir; a large orchestra made up of musicians from the pupils as well as parents who want to play alongside and inspire children.

All children in Year 3 learn to play the recorder and all children in Year 4 learn to play the trumpet or trombone.

A wide variety of peripatetic music teachers visit each week to provide individual or group tuition to pupils at Little Ealing

Mme Woolley provides specialist teaching in French for children from Year 1 through to Year computing lead 6 Children to leave us with exceptionally high linguistic levels and have opportunities to converse and correspond with partner school in France.

Mr Burke, our specialist computing lead, is exceptionally proud of the facilities at Little Ealing. We have a fantastic computing suite of 30 Mac computers that allows each child in a class to have their dedicated machine on which to learn.

Our final specialist is our PE lead Mr Behzadi who works with all year groups.

We are exceptionally proud that our young sportspersons demonstrate remarkable resilience, determination and strength and dedicate hours to training and practice.

We are exceptionally proud of all of their achievements and that children are provided opportunities to compete.

We are incredibly proud of the achievements of our gymnastics, athletes and cricketers (both boys and girls) who are currently the London Youth Games gold medal champions for the second year running.

What should my child wear?

At Little Ealing, we do not wear a school uniform.

Your child should wear clothing that is appropriate for a busy day of learning and exploring.

We want your child to be independent, so your child should wear clothing that they can manage by themselves.

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What will my child learn in Reception?

Staff plan 'learning sequences' using the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework as set out by the Department for Education.

Learning for nursery children follows the same format as in all year groups throughout the school – teachers have created curriculum maps, progression frameworks and unit overviews. All curriculum information can be found [here](#) on our school website.

What are the lunchtime arrangements?

All children in Reception are entitled to a free school meal. Our caterers are Harrison Catering and can accommodate for allergies.

Children usually eat in the dining room and have a daily choice of a main meal from two options. They are also able to choose from a vegetable selection and extensive salad bar as well as freshly baked bread. Children can end their meal with a choice of puddings, yoghurt or fresh fruit.

Are there wrap around childcare facilities?

Yes.

Little Ealing operates its breakfast club at the cost of £4.50 per session.

Breakfast club opens at 7:45 a.m. until the start of the school day. The younger children are escorted to class.

Bookings for breakfast club can be made with Michelle Moss at the school office on 0208 567 2175 or via email breakfastclub@leps.org.uk.

Little Runners run after school provision, and information about their provision needs to be booked directly with them. Little Runners operate from 3:15 pm – 6:00 pm at the cost of £11.00. All information can be found at <http://www.lrunners.co.uk/>

Little Runners also provide holiday clubs during school holidays.