

EXCEPTIONAL MEDICAL / SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Request for consideration under the Medical/Social criterion for admission to a Barnet community primary school

All schools have experience in dealing with children with additional needs. However, in a few very exceptional cases, there may be a reason why a child needs to attend a particular school.

Priority for admission to a Barnet community primary school may be given to children with an exceptional medical or social need that the school is particularly able to meet

Children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) will not be considered under the Medical/Social criterion as their needs require special provision and a separate process will be followed

To apply under the Medical/Social criterion you must:

1. Submit an application for a school place (full details about how to apply are on our website at www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions)
2. Complete the attached form*
3. Provide independent professional evidence*

* if you are applying for a Reception place you must submit the form and your supporting evidence by 15 January, in the year your child is due to start school; otherwise, your request will not be considered until after National Offer Day.

When you complete the attached form, you will need demonstrate that there is a very specific connection between your child's needs and the school.

Your supporting evidence must include a current letter from a doctor, social worker or other appropriate professional, which names the particular school and specifies the reasons why it is necessary for your child to attend the school. The supporting letter must also make it clear what difficulties would be faced if your child attends an alternative school.

Evidence relating to the social or medical circumstances of the parent can be considered, but only if this impacts on the child and their need to attend a specific school. Requests may not be considered if long-term mobility issues are cited and you have not applied to your closest school.

Please note that the following are unlikely to be considered grounds for exceptional medical/social needs:

- speech & language delay
- use of a hearing aid
- child is awaiting an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- asthma, diabetes, eczema, travel sickness or allergies
- dispensing medication that may require some training as this can be undertaken by the school
- the need for a child to stay in friendship groups
- family attending the same school
- child attends the nursery
- child care arrangements
- short term mobility issues

If you feel that one of these examples should be considered, you will need to prove how this has a significant impact on your child and why only the particular school can meet your child's exceptional need.

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PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOUR CHILD HAS SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN)

Child's Details

Child's First Name(s)

Child's Surname/Last Name

Child's date of birth

/ / Boy Girl

Parent/Carer's Statement

Child's
Home
Address

Postcode

Parent/Carer's Details

Title (please tick)

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

First Name

Surname

Relationship to child (please tick)

Mother Father Step Parent Foster Parent Social Worker Other*

Home Tel No.

Mobile No.

Email

Name of School

This is a request for consideration under the Exceptional Medical/Social criterion for:

Name of school:

Please explain the connection between your child's need and the school named above.

You must clearly demonstrate why this particular school can meet your child's needs in a way that no other school can.

(Please use a separate sheet if required)

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the applicant to write their response to the question above. The box occupies most of the page below the instructions.

Supporting Evidence

Please submit your supporting professional evidence with this form. Your request will not be considered without supporting evidence.

Your professional evidence must include a current letter from a doctor, social worker or other appropriate professional, which names the particular school and specifies the reasons why it is necessary for your child to attend the school. The supporting letter must also make it clear what difficulties would be faced if your child attends an alternative school

Supporting evidence must be no more than six months old. Hospital appointment letters and prescription information will not be accepted as evidence

Please list the documents you have attached

Parent/carer's signature

Date

Print parent/carer's
name

Please email the completed form to admissions.attachments@barnet.gov.uk

If you are applying for a Reception place you can attach the form and your supporting evidence to your [eAdmissions](#) application

Providing evidence does not guarantee priority under this criterion; all decisions will be made by the Director of School Access, Skills and Corporate Services. Applicants will not be individually advised if their application has been prioritised under this criterion.