

# SCHOOL ADMISSIONS UPDATE

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## REASON FOR ITEM

To provide the Committee with an update on the allocation of primary and secondary school places offered in the Borough for September 2015.

## INFORMATION

### Secondary School Places

1. PAN-London data on secondary school places offered was released on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015. This provides information about the preferences of school places met across London.
2. The following table summarises the offers made to secondary school places in Hillingdon for the last four admission years and also compares the preferences met across London in 2015:

	Preferences for a School Place – Met/Offered						Preference 1-6	Other Offer
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th		
2015 number of apps	2267	400	177	55	42	16	2957	87
2015%	74.47%	13.14%	5.81%	1.81%	1.38%	0.53%	97.14%	2.86%
2014 number of apps	2287	352	150	69	39	20	2917	96
2014 %	75.90%	11.68%	4.97%	2.29%	1.29%	0.66%	96.81%	3.19%
2013 number of apps	2173	321	114	66	38	25	2737	52
2013 %	77.91%	11.51%	4.09%	2.37%	1.36%	0.90%	98.14%	1.86%
2012 number of apps	2334	269	105	83	64	50	2905	115
2012 %	77.31%	8.91%	3.48%	2.75%	2.12%	1.66%	96.23%	3.77%
PAN London average 2015 %	67.56%	14.33%	6.53%	3.01%	1.34%	0.74%	93.51%	6.49%

Notes:

- Percentages may not sum to 100% as applications which are then withdrawn by parents/guardians are not shown in the table.

3. As in previous years, the availability of free bus travel for pupils in London means that travelling to schools further afield is easier. However, this may encourage applications to schools where an offer of a place is unlikely, as many places are offered on the basis of distance from the school.

4. For the secondary schools admissions round in 2015, Hillingdon experienced a 1% increase in applications. Hillingdon has continued to remain well above the London average by 6% offering pupils a place at their first preference school. Hillingdon achieved the highest number of 1<sup>st</sup> preference offers and 1-3 preference offers for a secondary school place in West London.

### Primary School Places

5. PAN-London data for primary school places was released on 16 April 2015.
6. The following table summarises the offers made to primary school places in Hillingdon for the last four admission years and also compares the preferences met across London in 2015:

	Preferences for a School Place Met/Offered							
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Preference 1-6	Other Offer
<b>2015 number of apps</b>	3517	301	134	42	16	6	4016	110
<b>2015%</b>	85.18%	7.29%	3.24%	1.02%	0.39%	0.15%	97.27%	2.66%
<b>2014 number of apps</b>	3326	325	116	44	27	13	3851	66
<b>2014%</b>	84.39%	8.25%	2.94%	1.12%	0.69%	0.33%	97.72%	1.79%
<b>2013 number of apps</b>	3161	283	119	62	21	9	3655	126
<b>2013 % (LBH actual)</b>	83.6%	7.48%	3.15%	1.64%	0.56%	0.24%	96.67%	3.33%
<b>2012 number of apps</b>	3115	325	124	45	15	12	3636	166
<b>2012 %</b>	81.93%	8.55%	3.26%	1.18%	0.39%	0.32%	95.63%	4.37%
<b>2011 number of apps</b>	3084	259	91	37	21	10	3502	262
<b>2011 %</b>	81.95%	6.87%	2.41%	0.99%	0.55%	0.26%	93.03%	6.97%
<b>PAN London Average 2015 %</b>	80.97%	8.35%	3.27%	1.64%	0.83%	0.47%	95.53%	4.47%

#### Notes:

- Percentages may not sum to 100% as applications which are then withdrawn by parents/guardians are not shown in the table.
- In 2015, 4 applicants did not receive an offer. They would have received an unallocated offer but advised that they would send their children to private school rather than receive an offer that was not one of their preferences.

7. As in previous years, additional places have been made available to meet rising demand by opening St Martins CE Primary School for September 2015. However, 120 places were unexpectedly removed from the system due to Nanaksar Primary School reducing their published admission number (PAN) to 0 following agreement

with the Education Funding Agency and 20 places were removed due to Bourne Primary School opening a bulge class in 2014. 4,521 Reception places were available for September 2015 at allocation (compared with 4,571 for September 2014). If Nanaksar's PAN remained at 120, Hillingdon would have had an extra 70 available places for reception applicants.

8. For the primary schools admissions round in 2015, Hillingdon experienced a 7% increase in applications. Hillingdon has continued to remain well above the London average by 4% offering pupils a place at their first preference school. Hillingdon achieved the highest number of 1<sup>st</sup> preference offers and 1-3 preference offers for a primary school place in West London.

#### Additional Information

9. The number of pupils not being offered places at any of their preference schools in part reflects the choices made by parents/carers in their applications. For example, not all applicants list the maximum number of preferences. Some applicants list only schools that they are unlikely to be offered based on schools' criteria (e.g., faith schools where they do not meet the faith criteria and/or over-subscribed schools at a distance from their home). Over 93% of applicants were offered one of their three highest preferences.