

School waiting list FAQs

Why has my child's position on the waiting list changed?

A child's position on the waiting list is not static. They can move up the waiting list if a place is offered to the child at the top of the waiting list causing all other children to move up the list or if a child with a higher priority is removed from the waiting list.

However, it is also possible to move down the waiting list if another family with a higher priority under the admission arrangements asks for their child to go on the waiting list.

How long will it take for a space to become available for my child?

We are unable to advise how long it may take for a school place to become available for your child, as this is dependant on the movements of children within the school. If a place becomes available for your child we will send a letter to advise you.

Do I need to renew my child's waiting list?

Your child will remain on the waiting list for the remainder of the academic year. We will then contact you at the end of the summer term to confirm if you would like this to continue over the following academic year.

How will I know if there is a space for my child in my preferred school?

If a school place becomes available from the waiting list for your child an offer letter will be sent to advise you.

How is my child's waiting list position worked out?

Your child's waiting list position is determined by the published admissions arrangements which can be found on the [website](#).

Please be aware that admissions criteria for some schools (e.g. faith Schools) can be different to other schools.

How can I place my child on the waiting list for another school?

If you would like to add your child to the waiting list please contact our admission team at schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk with your child's name, date of birth and the name of the school.

Why is the position showing as 0?

With the exception of Bentley Wood High School, the schools are responsible for their own waiting list. To find out your child's position for these schools, please contact the schools directly. For Bentley Wood High School we are unable to issue a waiting list position as the school uses random allocation.