



Admission FAQ's

How do I apply to HTL?

Your application route depends on what point of entry you are applying for.

For routine entrance to the school at Reception, you will need to complete the Common Application Form for the borough in which you are resident. Applications are made electronically via your home borough's website and generally open 1st September each year and close on or around 15th January. You can easily locate this information by searching for school admissions in the authority in which you live.

For routine entrance to the school at Nursery, you must apply to the school directly. Application forms are available from January each year and the closing date is usually on or around 6th April. Exact details for the current year can be found on our admissions criteria document which you can view on our website under Parents / Admissions / Nursery Admissions.

To enter the school at any other point, (known as an in-year admission) you can either contact the Bexley school admissions team directly on 020 8303 7777 or the school office.

Don't I have to go to church to go to a church school? No, in fact relatively few of our families do. Please refer to our Church School FAQs document within the Parents / Admissions General Information section on our website to see the answers to some common questions about a church school education.

What is your 'catchment area' / Will I get in?

Technically there is no such thing as a 'catchment area' anymore. Schools admit children according to their oversubscription criteria which can be viewed on our admissions criteria documents on our website which for nursery can be found under Parents / Admissions / Nursery Admissions and for the main school under Our School / Policies & GDPR. Children are admitted to the school in the order of the oversubscription criteria until all the places are filled. This naturally changes each year according to the number of children that apply but we typically draw from a wide area. Many of our pupils are local and equally, many of our children come from Orpington, Chislehurst, Dartford, Wilmington, Eltham and New Eltham, across the London Borough of Bexley and further afield. If HTL is the school for you, there is a good chance we will be able to accommodate you.

Can I visit the school?

For routine admission into Reception and Nursery tours are organised throughout the autumn and spring term respectively. If you can't make any of the dates then please do contact the office and we will do our very best to accommodate you at your convenience. For 'in year admissions' visits are warmly welcomed and encouraged year-round. Please contact the office to organise a tour at your convenience.

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When will I be informed of whether my application has been successful? For routine entry to Reception and Nursery National Offer Day is usually on or around 16th April. For 'in year admissions' we can usually inform you immediately that we have a space available and are aware of your application.

Do you have a waiting list?

Some of our year groups are full and have a waiting list and others have spaces, meaning we can admit new pupils immediately. Please contact Mrs Williams-Swaby in the school office who will be able to provide you with up-to-date information on the current waiting lists in each year group. Where there is a waiting list, places are allocated in accordance with our oversubscription criteria set out in the admissions policy. This means you will not necessarily join the end of the list if, for example, you already have a sibling in school or attend any place of worship regularly (including non-Christian worship). If you are on our waiting list you can contact the office at any time to find out where on the list you are. We seek to fill places as soon as they become available to ensure your wait is as minimal as possible.

Why should I choose HTL for my Child? We firmly believe that we are the number 1 choice of nursery and primary school in Sidcup with an ethos, results and resources to support this. Please click here to learn more about what drives us as a school and how we might be able to support, develop and educate your child.

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