



HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTARY ADMISSIONS GUIDANCE



Advice for parents and carers submitting additional medical / psychological information to support their child's admission application to Hillingdon Primary School

Hillingdon Primary School's admission arrangements include a medical criteria that gives priority for children (or children with immediate family members) who suffer from a long-term medical or psychological condition that makes it necessary that they attend Hillingdon Primary School and where attendance at any other school would present significant difficulties that cannot be overcome with reasonable adjustments. (Paragraph 5b of the School Admission Policy refers.)

Medical / psychological applications are considered on a case-by-case basis, the intention of the criteria is that it should normally only be applied to children for whom Hillingdon Primary School is their nearest school and who need to attend their nearest school (or nearest suitable school) where mobility is a concern for either the child or a family member with sole responsibility for taking that child to school.

The criteria may also be applied if Hillingdon Primary School has specific resources to cope with a particular medical / psychological condition that no other school can provide. Currently, however, the London Borough of Hillingdon considers that all of the primary schools in the borough are equally well-equipped to cope with any long-term medical condition that does not require an Education, Health and Care Plan.

It is not possible to consider continuation of education from Hillingdon Primary School nursery to the mainstream school under the medical / psychological criteria. This is because if Hillingdon Primary School were to give priority to children already attending the nursery, it would disadvantage parents of children who live closer to the school and wish for their child to attend the school, however chose to send their child to a private nursery or chose not to send their child to a nursery.

Applications made under the medical / psychological criteria must be accompanied by details about the medical / psychological condition and this must include written evidence from a GP or hospital consultant, social worker, or similar professional which clearly explains why a place is required at Hillingdon Primary School and the difficulties that would be experienced by the child or the family were the child to attend any other school. **This evidence must be sent to the school by the application closing date** for the applicant to be considered under this criterion.

Decisions about whether to apply the medical / psychological criteria are made by the school admission committee with delegated responsibility from the admission authority, the Elliot Foundation Academies Trust, and are required to be fair and consistent. The decision will be based on the evidence of need rather than a doctor's / other professional's personal recommendation.