

Overview & Scrutiny

Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission

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Title of report: Update on School Admissions

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Brief:

The Children and Young People's Commission has been provided with a summary of school admissions annually since 2012. This report provides an update since the report of June 2019.

The report covers admission to reception class, transfer from primary to secondary school, in year admissions, the admission of pupils with Education Health and Care Plans and School Place Planning.

Headlines

- Admission to Reception class - 93.6% of parents expressed a first preference for a Hackney school;
- Transfer from Primary to Secondary School – 87% of parents expressed a first preference for a Hackney School;
- The number of top three preferences met for the above cohorts is in line with the London Average;
- There has been a slight increase in the number of parents applying for reception class places;
- The majority of applicants who were not offered a place at one of their preference schools did not make use of their 6 preferences;
- 30 out of 58 primary schools were oversubscribed;
- 10 out of 16 secondary schools were oversubscribed;
- Skinners' Academy admits the highest number of out borough pupils;
- Gladesmore Secondary schools admits the highest number of Hackney residents;
- The on-line composite prospectus is working well;
- Most pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans were offered places in Hackney maintained schools;

- In October 2016 demand for reception class places started to fall and has in the main continued to do so. There has, however, been a slight increase in roll from January 2019 to January 2020 and this slight increase is shown in the current projections.
- Based on current secondary projections, there will be some surplus Year 7 places from 2023.