

## Appendix E – Applications for Reception Places

Applications are made to the borough in which the applicant resides regardless of the location of the school they wish to attend. Applicants can apply for a number of schools, the current system allows up to 6 schools. These are ranked by preference. This will include applicants whose preference was for schools outside of Lambeth, but it is a baseline for potential demand/need for places by Lambeth residents

Since there is a mobile population in Lambeth, there are usually many late and subsequent applications made to Lambeth. There are also many in-year, or casual, applications made throughout the year, mostly from new arrivals to the country.

This model relies on determining the number of applicants (rather than applications) from residents of Lambeth so that there is a picture of the potential future demand. An application is included here if it is:

- For a child within the age range of Reception class for the given year – i.e. becoming age 5 within that school year.
- For a child resident in Lambeth regardless of whether their preference is for a school in Lambeth.
- Made within the school year prior to the year which the child will start in Reception class i.e. up to 31<sup>st</sup> August of the same year they start school.

The table below shows the number of applicants including those applying late (up to 31<sup>st</sup> August) by Lambeth residents for places in Reception classes in schools both in and out of Lambeth. The number of applicants for 2017/18 is down 4.4% (-130) from 2016/17.

*Table E1: The number of residents of each Town Centre in Lambeth who applied for a place in a Reception class in a school either in or out of Lambeth*

<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
Brixton	955	862	865	903	826	795	813
Clapham & Stockwell	776	768	757	708	679	681	607
North Lambeth	490	513	517	483	451	478	452
Norwood	591	601	609	663	686	633	613
Streatham	673	744	753	789	739	748	695
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,485</b>	<b>3,488</b>	<b>3,501</b>	<b>3,546</b>	<b>3,381</b>	<b>3,335</b>	<b>3,180</b>

*Updated: 13/09/17*

There is usually a difference between the number in the population and the number of applications. This is because of those who apply to schools outside of Lambeth, those who intend to attend independent schools so do not ever submit an application to school, and those who plan to home school or are moving away. For the same reasons, the number of applications is also higher than the number who end up taking a school place.

In some local areas the number on the school roll is very different from the number of applications (which shows the places needed in the area in question). For example, even with the expansions under way there are significantly fewer places available in Norwood than applicants from that area.