



Applications

How Do I Apply To Townsend?

Townsend School Welcomes Everyone
Children with a Christian faith,
Children of other faiths (non-Christian faiths)
Children with no faith/religion

In recent years Townsend has regularly recruited students from over **60 different primary schools** and children travel daily to Townsend from a very wide area.

Townsend School takes children from many areas of Hertfordshire - Barnet – Luton - Bedfordshire

Travel to Townsend School from many areas is simple and convenient. The school is well-served by the road network, public transport and school buses. Students travel from all parts of St Albans District and from other towns and villages over a very wide area. You can find some travel information elsewhere on our website.

We have had students from many areas including –

Abbots Langley, Barnet, Borehamwood, Bricket Wood, Brookmans Park, Chiswell Green, Colney Heath, Dunstable, Edgware, Elstree, Enfield, Flamstead, Great Gaddesden, Harpenden, Hatfield, Hemel Hempstead, Kimpton, Kings Langley, Langleybury, Lemsford, Leverstock Green, Little Gaddesden, Luton, Markyate, North Mymms, Park Street, Potters Bar, Radlett, Redbourn, Sandridge, Shenley, South Mimms, St Albans and District, Watford, Welwyn Garden City, Wheathampstead.

The number of places available in Year 7 for the academic year 2021/2022 is 150. So, Townsend is a relatively small and welcoming secondary school where all children are known as individuals.

All applications to Townsend **must** be made on the **home** Local Authority Common Application Form (CAF). So, you must apply first to the Local Authority where you live and if this is outside Hertfordshire your Local Authority then shares that information with Hertfordshire County Council where Townsend is located.

If you live in **Hertfordshire** apply to Hertfordshire County Council. If you live in **Barnet** apply to Barnet Council. If you live in **Luton** apply to Luton Council. If you live in **Central Bedfordshire** apply to Central Bedfordshire Council.. If you live in **Bedford** – apply to Bedford Borough Council. If you live in **any other area** apply to the Local Authority where your home is situated.

After you have applied to your home Local Authority you are asked to also complete the Townsend CE School **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)** and return it to the school office by the closing date for applications. This is not compulsory but does help with our administration and gives you the opportunity to be considered under more admission criteria if you qualify for them.

If you only apply to your home Local Authority we will still consider your application so please don't worry If a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) is not completed the Governing Body will apply their admission arrangements using only the information given to us by the Local Authority and this normally means that you can only be considered for our last admission category Community 3 as we will not have any other information available to consider you for higher categories. Exceptions would be for children Looked After and Children with an Education Health and Care Plan as we receive that information direct from the Local Authority.

You can read our Admission Policy in our Annual Booklet.

The Supplementary Information Form (SIF) is available from our main website for you to download and from the Hertfordshire County Council website. Once completed please post it, email or fax it to the school.