

**\* Please see other side of this form for an explanation of the bilingual reception class and how to apply for a place.**

## Applying for a place in the bilingual Reception class in September

Please read these notes carefully.

### What is the bilingual Reception class?

This class follows a jointly agreed bilingual French-English curriculum. It is taught 50% of the time in French, 50% in English. Respective national curricula expectations can be introduced at slightly different times to typical monolingual classes whilst the bilingual approach is embedded. The children sit the national tests of both education systems and typically achieve the standards expected by both by Year 6/Cours Moyen 2.

### How do I apply for the bilingual Reception class?

To apply for a place in the bilingual Reception class you must do the following:

1. Include Belleville Wix Academy as a preference on your local council's Common Application Form and return the form to your local council by 15 January.
2. Complete this form.
3. Send this form by email to **admissions@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk** or by post to Admissions, Place Planning and Exclusions, Town Hall Extension, Wandsworth High Street, SW18 2PU by 15 January 2026.

If you do not do all of the above, your child will not be considered for a place in the bilingual Reception class.

### What are the admission criteria for the bilingual Reception class?

Places will first be allocated to children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education Health and Care Plan which names the school. These children will be included in the overall admission number of the school. If fewer applications than the published admission number are received, the school will offer places to all those who have applied. In the event of oversubscription, the school will offer places in the following order of priority:

- i) A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after; \*
- ii) Children with a professionally supported exceptional medical need or exceptional social need for a place at a particular school, as decided by the trust; \*
- iii) Children with brothers and sisters on the roll of the school on the date of admission; \*
- iv) Children of staff at the school; \*
- v) Other children in order of straight line distance from home to school; \*

If there are more applications than places within any category, applications will be considered in order of straight line distance from home to school.

There is no automatic right of transfer from the school nursery to the school reception.

Applicants refused a Reception place at Belleville Wix Academy will have the right to appeal to an independent panel against the decision. **However, the Panel cannot decide whether a successful appellant should be placed in the bilingual class or the English only class.** Parents/carers who wish their child to be considered for the bilingual class only should bear this in mind if they decide to appeal.

\* Please refer to the 'Choose a Wandsworth Primary School' brochure for further information.

**Parents/carers of children admitted to the bilingual class, should be aware that the Headteacher reserves the right to move a child from the bilingual class to the English only class and vice versa, where he considers this to be in the child's best interests, and subject to the class size not exceeding the admission number.**