

Admission to secondary schools 2026/2027

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2026

**Closing date for applications:
31 October 2025**

This booklet provides important information about admissions to Croydon secondary schools 2026/2027.

Foreword

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the secondary school admissions prospectus for the London Borough of Croydon.

As an education authority we believe that every child should have the highest quality secondary education to achieve their full potential. The transition from primary to secondary school education is a fundamental part of a child's life and plays a key role in shaping their career path and progression. We are pleased that the quality of education in secondary schools in Croydon has improved significantly over the years and most of Croydon's secondary schools are now rated by Ofsted to be good or outstanding.

We have sufficient high quality secondary school places available across the borough to ensure every child can get a place.

In this prospectus, you will find enclosed all the information you need to complete the application for a school place for your child, including information about every secondary school in Croydon.

Our schools take pride in being inclusive, welcoming environments, where every child is valued, supported and encouraged to thrive. They actively partner with families and communities to promote equality, embrace difference, and ensure that every pupil feels seen.

We strongly encourage you to contact the schools and/or access their website, and visit the schools that you are considering making an application for a school place for your child. When you make your application, we would recommend you use all your six available preferences, listing them in order of preference, as this maximises your opportunity to secure a school of preference for your child.

We wish your child all the best for their transfer to secondary school.



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Introduction

This booklet is designed to guide Croydon parents and carers through the admission process for September 2026 and help to make an informed choice of secondary school.

We have included information on the wide range of secondary schools in Croydon as well as information on some of the schools in neighbouring boroughs. Croydon schools' admission criteria can be viewed at www.croydon.gov.uk/education/schools-new/secondary-schools.

Before you make your final selection, we recommend if possible that you visit the schools you are interested in. Details of Open days and evenings can be found in this booklet.

If you live in Croydon, you need to apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk no later than **31 October 2025**.

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Before you apply

Read 'The application process and procedure'.
This tells you how the admission process works.

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Check the list of schools in Croydon and read the admissions criteria for the schools you are interested in at
<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/apply-secondary-school-place-step-step/find-secondary-schools-near-you>

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The admissions criteria give you a better idea of which schools are likely to be able to offer your child a place.

Check which school requires you to complete a supplementary information form.

Read how places were allocated at each secondary school last year.

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Visit the schools you are interested in.
See open days/evenings dates.

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Read booklets from other local authorities if you are thinking of applying for a school outside Croydon.

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For more information on admissions to secondary schools in Croydon visit **www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions**

Important dates for your diary

1 September 2025

Online application process starts.

September to October 2025

Secondary schools' open days or evenings.

It is important that you visit the schools you are interested in before you apply.

31 October 2025

Statutory deadline for receipt of secondary school applications.

**We recommend you submit your application no later than
17 October 2025 (Friday before half-term)**

2 March 2026

National Offer Day

Online applicants receive a notification email during the evening.

**You can then log on to view the result of your application at
www.eadmissions.org.uk**

16 March 2026

Deadline for acceptance or refusal of school offer.

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1. APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL

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Completing the form

All Croydon residents must apply using a Common Application Form (CAF). The form should be completed online at www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions.

The form allows you to select **six** schools, which you must name in your order of preference. We recommend that you use all your preference options as your child can only be considered for a place at the schools you have listed on your application.

Online applications close at 11.59pm on 31 October 2025. Applications received by this date will be accepted and treated as on time.

Admissions criteria

Read the admissions criteria for the schools that you are interested in to know how they prioritise applications. A summary of schools' admissions policies can be found online at <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/find-school-near-you/secondary-schools> and on each school's website.

Find out the furthest distance an offer was made for a school for entry in September 2025 (please see pages 17-18). Some schools may have maps on display at their open sessions showing the location of homes of pupils offered places at the school last year.

Please note, there is no guarantee that for the September 2026 admission, a school will offer to the same distance as they did in the previous year, as each year offers are subject to the number of applications and where the applicants live.

If you wish to have an indication of the distance between your home and a school, please go to <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/school-admissions/distance-between-your-home-and-schools>

It must be emphasised that the measurement given by this site will not always be identical to that from the council's geographic information system (GIS). This is because this website is a general one for measuring distance to a range of council facilities and is not set up to measure for school admissions purposes. Under the schools' admission policy, the distance is measured in a straight line from the child's home to the designated entrance of a school using geographical reference points as provided by the National Land and Property Gazetteer. The 'About your area' site doesn't give measurements to three decimal points either. Therefore, you should not assume that, because the measurement from your home to school given by this site is the same or less than the minimum distance to which a school has admitted applicants in previous years, you

will be offered a place. If there are other criteria under which you could apply for a school, as well as distance, it is recommended that you do so.

Expressing preferences for schools

The law requires admission authorities to meet parental preference wherever they possibly can. It is not possible to guarantee a place at the school of your choice but you do have the right to express a preference or preferences. Most parents are successful in securing a place at one of their preferred schools but, as there is only a limited number of places available in each school, some parents are disappointed.

All admission authorities (i.e. local authorities, academies, voluntary aided schools) must provide information which explains how they decide which children will be offered places if they receive more applications than they have places available. This information is normally called 'admission criteria'. The admissions criteria will vary from school to school (please refer to <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/find-school-near-you/secondary-schools> for schools' admission criteria)

How are places allocated?

If you have listed six schools in preference order and all six schools are in a position to offer a place, the system will automatically seek the highest preference, i.e. your first preference, and make you an offer at this school. All your lower preferences are withdrawn as these are no longer required.

If you listed six schools in preference order and preferences three, four and five are in a position to offer places, the system will automatically seek the highest preference, i.e. your third preference, and make an offer at this school. Your lower preferences four and five are withdrawn as these are no longer required. Your higher preferences one and two are automatically placed on the waiting list for reconsideration should any places become available. Any further offers will continue to be made in accordance with the schools' published admissions criteria.

Will I have a better chance of getting my first preference than someone who lists it as a second or lower preference?

No. All preferences are considered equally against the schools' admission criteria. The preference order will only be used when it is possible for more than one school to offer you a place. This is called the Equal Preference System.



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The local authority will always try to match your highest preference but many schools are oversubscribed and receive more applications than they have places available. To give you the best chance of getting into a local school, it is very important that you use all six preferences and include other schools in your area, as schools will use their straight line distance criterion as the final factor once all their higher priority places have been allocated.

If you only apply for one school and a place is not available, you can only be offered a school with places left once all other parental preferences have been considered. The school offered could be some distance from your home.

Failing to list other preferences on your form can result in disappointment, as we can only consider the preferences you have listed on your application form.

How much information from my application will be passed onto my preferred schools?

The list of schools you include on the Common Application Form is **confidential**.

Each school will only be given the information it needs to consider your application.

Schools are not told where you named them in your preference list.

The preference order of schools which are situated outside the Croydon local authority will be released to the local authority which maintains the school(s) in the order that the highest preference can be determined in cases where a child is eligible for a place at more than one school in that local authority's area.

Considering a school outside Croydon?

You can apply for a school in another borough. As a Croydon resident, Croydon Council still processes your application. You must include the school as a preference on your Common Application Form. Schools within three miles of Croydon's boundary are listed at the back of this booklet. For information on schools further than three miles please contact the relevant local authority.

Considering a private/independent school?

Independent schools have their own admissions arrangements and are not included in our admissions scheme. If you are considering applying to an independent school please contact the school directly.

Do not list these schools on your Common Application Form.

Changing your mind

After the closing date **31 October 2025** it will not be possible for you to add new school preferences to the Croydon Common Application Form. If you do make changes after the closing date, your application will be regarded as late. For a detailed explanation of how late applications will be processed please read the paragraph below.

Late applications

Croydon will only consider late applications in the initial allocation round if the application is late for a good reason but is submitted before **8 December 2025**. Examples of what may be considered a good reason include: when a single parent has been ill for some time or has been dealing with the death of a close relative; or a family has just moved into the area or is returning from abroad (proof of ownership or tenancy agreement will be required in these cases). Other circumstances will be considered and each case will be decided on its own merits.

If you submit an application or change your existing preferences, or order of preferences, after **31 October 2025** and before **8 December 2025** with good reason for doing so, the application will be treated as on time. Otherwise your application will be treated as late and this may jeopardise the possibility of your child being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.

Applications which are late for no good reason and those that are received after **8 December 2025** but before **2 March 2026** will not be considered in the initial allocation round but will be allocated available places after all on time applications have been processed. Where a place cannot be offered at a preferred school, your child will be offered the nearest school to the application address with available places.

Change of address

Croydon Council **must** be notified of any changes of address by **8 December 2025** so that the new address can be used to prioritise your preferences for schools under the distance criterion. Failure to do so will result in your application being considered from the previous address, and your child possibly being denied a place at a preferred school.

All changes of address will be thoroughly investigated to ensure there is a permanent commitment to the new address. Changes of address can only be considered when Croydon Council receives documentary evidence that you and your child are resident in the property and able to

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prove you have no connection with your previous address - that is, the new address is not a temporary arrangement to access a preferred school. Examples of documents to be provided are a letter from a solicitor confirming **the date of completion of contract (not exchange of contract)** for the new place of residence or a copy of the new tenancy agreement stating the commencement date, together with evidence of residence, for example a utility bill.

If your address changes after **8 December 2025**, you **must still** notify the local authority immediately, providing documentary evidence as described above, so that your new address can be taken into account when determining your child's position on schools' waiting lists after National Offer day (that is after **2 March 2026**).

Child's permanent address

The child's address should be that of the child's permanent place of residence. A business address, work place address, a childminder's address will not be accepted.

A relative or carer's address can only be considered if they have legal custody of the child. In these circumstances, evidence of legal custody/parental responsibility, e.g. a court order, must be supplied. . Please refer to the 'Change of address' paragraph for information about what to do if you move after 31 October 2025.

Applications from Overseas

Applications with an overseas address will not be accepted for processing unless Croydon Council is satisfied that there is evidence of a link to an address in Croydon and that a child will be resident at that address on or before the date of admission (i.e. start of September). The address must not be the address of a friend, relative or other address of convenience unless there is evidence it will be a relatively permanent arrangement.

Evidence must include:

- Booked travel tickets and
- End of lease/notice to tenants in property or
- Start of employment contract in London/SE area or
- End of employment contract abroad

The overseas address will apply until such time as there is evidence of a child's return to the linked address. In the event that a family does not return to the linked address provided by the start of September, this local authority will withdraw the application submitted and any offer made.

Children of UK service personnel and crown servants

Families of service personnel or Crown servants returning from overseas to live in Croydon can apply for a place

without the child being resident in Croydon. However the application must be accompanied by an official letter that declares the relocation date and unit postal address or quartering area address.

Shared custody

It is the local authority's expectation that where there is shared parental responsibility for a child, parents will agree which parent has the main responsibility before completing their application form. Where parents are separated and share custody, the parent with whom the child spends most of the school week (which will be the address where child benefit is payable) should make the application. An application can only be made from a single address and only one application can be made for each child.

If the parent making the application lives at a different address, a letter of explanation should be given and signed by both parents. **Custody issues cannot be resolved by the local authority.** If parents are going through a separation or a divorce and do not live together but share parental responsibility over a child, the local authority will disclose details of a child's application if one of the parents who shares parental responsibility requests this information. This will however be subject to the receipt of legal documentation e.g. court order which confirms the shared parental responsibility.

Parental responsibility and private fostering

Parental responsibility is defined by the Children Act 1989 and amended by the Adoption and Children Act 2002. Parental responsibility in its simplest form is 'all the rights, duties, powers, responsibilities and authority which by law a parent of a child has in relation to the child and his property'.

People can obtain parental responsibility by seeking a parental responsibility legal agreement, obtained with the consent of all persons with parental responsibility or by a court order, or when a child is placed with them for legal adoption.

Step-parents, grandparents and other close relatives do not have automatic parental responsibility, and can only acquire it through a legal agreement or court order. If you are a distant relative or no relation to the child you are caring for, it is likely that you are a private foster parent. In law this means you must tell your local council you are caring for the child and also you must tell the child's parents (or the person with parental responsibility) about the application for a school place and obtain their permission. You can find more information on parental responsibility at <https://www.gov.uk/parental-rights-responsibilities>

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Fraudulent applications

Croydon takes very seriously any attempt to gain an advantage in the admission process by giving false information.

The local authority will investigate applications where there are any doubts about information provided by parents of where information has been received from another source. This may lead to prosecution.

All applicants' addresses are thoroughly checked against council tax records and other sources of information and, if necessary, by a council officer visiting your address. Any offer made to your child is subject to a legitimate address being provided on your school application. The school offer will be withdrawn with immediate effect if an investigation concludes that you have used false information about your address for the purpose of securing a school place at a preferred school.

Looked-after children, previously looked-after children and internationally adopted previously looked-after children

Looked-after children are defined as "children in public care **at the date on which the application is made.**" For secondary transfers, the date will be taken as 31 October.

Applications from children in public care (looked-after children) must confirm which local authority is responsible for the child and be accompanied by a letter from the child's social worker confirming their legal status and that he/she will still be looked-after when the child is admitted to the school.

Applications from children who were looked-after, but ceased to be so because they were immediately adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order) must be accompanied by a letter and/ or documentary evidence from the child's social worker, advisory teacher or other relevant professional confirming that the child was looked after immediately prior to the order being made as well as the date.

The letter or documentary evidence must also confirm the date a previously looked after or internationally adopted previously looked after child ceased to be looked after and the date of the adoption order, residence order, child arrangements order or special guardianship order which led to the cessation of 'looked-after' status.

Any court order must be accompanied by a letter from the child's social worker.

Please note that any confirmation/evidence of looked-after and previously looked-after status received by this local authority will be forwarded on to the school preferences or the local authority where the school is situated in the case of out of borough schools.

Admission of children outside their age group

Parents of gifted and talented children, or of summer born children who have been educated out of year group throughout their primary education may request that their child is admitted or continues to be educated outside their age group when they transfer to secondary school.

Parents must make sure they submit an application when their child's 'correct' cohort are making applications for a secondary school place. This means that for a summer born child who started in reception a year later than is usual, parents must apply for a secondary school and an out of year group place when the child is in Year 5 rather than Year 6.

The admission authority of a school must decide whether or not the individual child's circumstances make this appropriate on educational grounds. Such requests will only be agreed in exceptional circumstances. Parents have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. However, this right of appeal does not apply if parents are offered a school place which is not in their **preferred** age group.

All requests should include recent professional evidence of the child's circumstances which make education outside the age group necessary. Each admission authority will expect to see evidence of an individual child's educational need, rather than general factors which relate to a wider group of children born at a similar time. They will want to discuss with parents the impact of the child being educated with children of a different age.

Parents requesting admission to an age group below the child's actual age group must apply before the closing date, on **31 October 2025**. The request for admission to a different year group should accompany the application. This enables the application to be processed and a school place secured in the child's actual age group if the request is refused by an admission authority. If the admission authority approves the request, the parent will be advised to re-apply in the following year and provide a copy of the decision letter. However there can be no guarantee of a place being available at the school, as this is dependent on the number of applications received that year. It is not possible to reserve a place for the following year. Parents are therefore required to have alternative arrangements in place.

When will I know the outcome of my application?

If you applied online and on time you will receive an email notification about the result of your application on **2 March 2026**.

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Please note that an outcome letter will not be sent to you in the post. You will be able to view the result of your application online as well as accept or decline the offer made to your child, by logging into your e.admissions account.

If you applied late you will not receive an outcome to your application until after 2 March 2026. The outcome will be communicated to you by a No_Reply_Admissions email address so please make sure that you check your email inbox including your junk/spam folders.

Accepting or declining your offer

You must accept or decline the offer **by the specified date** to ensure you secure a school place for your child.

The online outcome information will give you important advice on what to do next if you have been unsuccessful in securing an offer at one of your preferred schools or have been offered an alternative school which you did not list on your Common Application Form.

Waiting lists

Oversubscribed Croydon schools will maintain waiting lists. Your child's name will automatically be placed on the waiting list for any school which was a higher preference on your application form than the school you have been offered.

Please note it is your responsibility to inform the local authority if you do not want your child to be on the waiting list for a higher preference school. In the event that a place becomes available at one of your higher preference schools, the place offered at your lower preference school **will automatically be withdrawn**.

Applicants' requests to be added to the waiting list for lower preference schools when a first preference school has been offered can only be made in exceptional circumstances. Any change in circumstances will need to be supported with relevant evidence.

If you need to find out your child's position on the waiting list, please contact the admission authority for the school or the borough in which the school is situated after **20 April 2026**.

If you would like more information about the reason why your child was not offered a place at a higher preference school you should contact the admission authority that is responsible for admissions to the school. Details of the different admission authorities for schools in Croydon are listed in this prospectus (see pages 22-23). If the school is outside this borough, the admission authority will be either the local authority in which the school is situated or the school itself. Contact telephone numbers for neighbouring local authorities are also included in this prospectus.

The School Admission Code requires admission authorities to

order waiting lists on the basis of the priorities of the published admissions criteria and not, for example, on a first come first served basis.

Each individual admission authority decides how long their waiting list will be held but must keep a waiting list open until at least **31 December 2026**. Please refer to each school's admission policy.

Parents/carers need to be aware that if their child's name is on a school's waiting list, their place may go up or down the list depending on how the admissions criteria applies to others on the waiting list.

Appeals

If you have been refused a place at your preferred school, you are entitled to appeal and attend an appeal hearing in front of an independent appeal panel.

The panel will be made up of three or five members and none of the panel members will have any connection with the local authority or any of the schools in your case. The panel will include at least one person who has experience in education (non-lay member) and at least one person who does not have experience in education (lay member).

If you wish to appeal against the decision not to offer your child a place at a Croydon school you must contact the school for details of their appeal arrangements.

Any school admission appeal must be in writing. If you decide that you wish to appeal you must do so by the deadline date stated by the school or by the local authority for an out of borough school.

- Set out as many reasons as you can for wanting a place at your preferred school.
- Try to explain your reasons as fully as possible as to why your child should be given a place despite the fact the school is full.
- You should also attach copies of any written supporting information, letters, documents, or evidence which you would like the appeal panel to consider at the hearing.

Special arrangements apply to children with an Education, Health and Care Plan – see page 26.

To obtain an appeal form for a Croydon school please contact the school.

Further questions

If you have any questions or if there is anything you do not understand, the school admissions team will be pleased to help you.

 **020 8726 6400**

 **school.admissions@croydon.gov.uk**



How places are allocated

YOU	OUR ADMISSIONS TEAM	SCHOOLS & OTHER COUNCILS
Your application form is submitted.	The home local authority (council in whose area you live) will manage the coordination process to ensure that you receive no more than one offer.	
If you have applied to a free, voluntary aided school or academy in Croydon	Only pupil details from the application form for free, voluntary aided schools and academies within the area of the home local authority will be passed to the schools concerned.	Schools receive details of applications from the local authority. Schools will have no knowledge of where they are ranked in your list of preferences.
If you have applied to a school in another borough, i.e. outside Croydon	Pupil details and school preferences on the application form for schools in other boroughs will be sent to the local authorities which maintain those schools (maintaining local authorities). This will be done via a computerised system called the Pan-London Register. These local authorities will ensure that the application details reach the admission authorities for the schools in their areas, making no reference to the rank position the school is listed on your application form.	Decisions on whether places can be offered will be taken by the admission authorities for each of the schools on your list. How they decide which pupils will be offered places at their schools is explained in their admissions criteria.
Obtaining your highest possible preference	Croydon Council will then determine the preference offer to be made to its resident pupils from all the schools applied to. Lower preference offers will be released for allocation to other pupils who are next on the schools' lists.	This process of the home local authority allocating the highest preference offer and releasing preference offers for reallocation by the maintaining local authority will continue between local authorities until there are no further changes and all places have been allocated.
All places are allocated	Croydon Council identifies which children are potentially in a position to be offered a place at more than one of its schools. In such cases, we will only hold the offer of a place at the school the parent has ranked highest on their form. Other lower ranked offers will be released, allowing further offers to be made to children who are next on the schools' lists.	

List of secondary schools in Croydon

All Croydon secondary schools are their own admissions authorities and determine their own admission criteria. For a copy of schools' admission policies, please visit www.croydon.gov.uk/education/schools-new/secondary-schools or the individual school's website. The information in these tables and the schools' pages within this booklet are correct at the time of printing.

ACADEMIES AND FREE SCHOOLS

DFE Number	School name	Year 7 Admissions Number	Applications received 2025 admissions	Supplementary form required?
306 4014	Ark Blake Academy, (boys and girls 11-18) 6 Morland Road, Croydon, CR0 6NA info@arkblake.org 020 3443 9000	180	418	No
306 5405	Coloma Convent Girls' School (girls 11-18) Upper Shirley Road, Croydon, CR9 5AS 020 8654 6228	150	393	Yes
306 4012	Coombe Wood School (boys and girls 11-18) 30 Melville Avenue, South Croydon, CR2 7HY 020 8289 4745	180	1482	No
306 4016	Harris Academy Beulah Hill Spurgeon Road, London, SE19 3UG 020 8653 1661	180	484	No*
306 6908	Harris Academy Purley (boys and girls 11-18) Kendra Hall Road, South Croydon CR2 6DT 020 8681 1141	180	587	No*
306 6905	Harris Academy South Norwood (boys and girls 11-18) 2 Cumberlow Avenue, South Norwood SE25 6AE 020 8405 5070	180	387	No*
306 6906	Harris City Academy Crystal Palace (boys and girls 11-18) Maberley Road, Upper Norwood, SE19 2JH 020 8771 2261	210	959	No*
306 4002	Harris Invictus Academy Croydon, (boys and girls 11-18), 88 London Road CR0 2TB 0203 371 3002	180	492	No*
306 4000	Meridian High School (boys and girls 11-16) Fairchildes Avenue, New Addington CR0 0AH 020 3943 1328	120	149	No
306 5406	Norbury High School for Girls (girls 11-19; all girls Sixth Form) Kensington Avenue, Thornton Heath CR7 8BT 020 8679 0062	196	280	No
306 2045	Oasis Academy Arena, (boys and girls 11-16) Albert Road, London SE25 4QL 020 8240 6700	120	113	No
306 6907	Oasis Academy Coulsdon (boys and girls 11-16) Homefield Road, Old Coulsdon CR5 1ES 01737 551161	180	621	No
306 6909	Oasis Academy Shirley Park (boys and girls 3-19) Shirley Road, Croydon CR9 7AL 020 8656 0222	180	484	No
306 4004	Orchard Park High School (boys and girls 11-16) Orchard Way, Shirley CR0 7NJ 020 8776 0220	150	536	No
306 5400	Riddlesdown Collegiate (boys and girls 11-18) Honister Heights, Purley, CR8 1EX 020 8668 5136	328	1381	No
306 5407	Shirley High School Performing Arts College (boys and girls 11-18) Shirley Church Road, Croydon, CR0 5EF 020 8656 9755	180	481	No



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DFE Number	School name	Year 7 Admissions Number	Applications received 2025 admissions	Supplementary form required?
306 5402	St Joseph's College (Boys 11-18 and mixed sixth form) Beulah Hill, Upper Norwood, SE19 3HL ☎ 020 8761 1426	180	214	Yes
306 4003	The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy (boys and girls 11-16) Mitcham Road, Croydon, CR9 3AS ☎ 020 8689 1255	180	272	No
306 6910	The Quest Academy (boys and girls 11-18) Farnborough Avenue, South Croydon, CR2 8HD ☎ 020 8657 8935	180	303	No
306 4031	Woodcote High School (boys and girls 11-18) Meadow Rise, Coulsdon CR5 2EH ☎ 020 8668 6464	240	875	No

* Parents are only required to complete a supplementary information form if their child has special educational needs and/or requires special assistance in undertaking the test. Please see the school policy for full details.

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These schools' admissions criteria usually give priority to pupils of that faith.

DFE Number	School name	Year 7 Admissions Number	Applications received 2025 admissions	Supplementary form required?
306 4600	Archbishop Tenison's CE High School (boys and girls 11-18) Selborne Road, Croydon CR0 5JQ ☎ 020 8688 4014	150	545	Yes
306 4702	St Mary's Catholic High School (boys and girls 11-16) Woburn Road, West Croydon CR9 2EE ☎ 020 8686 3837	120	230	Yes
306 5403	Thomas More Catholic School (boys and girls 11-19) Russell Hill Road, Purley CR8 2XP ☎ 020 8668 6251	150	345	Yes

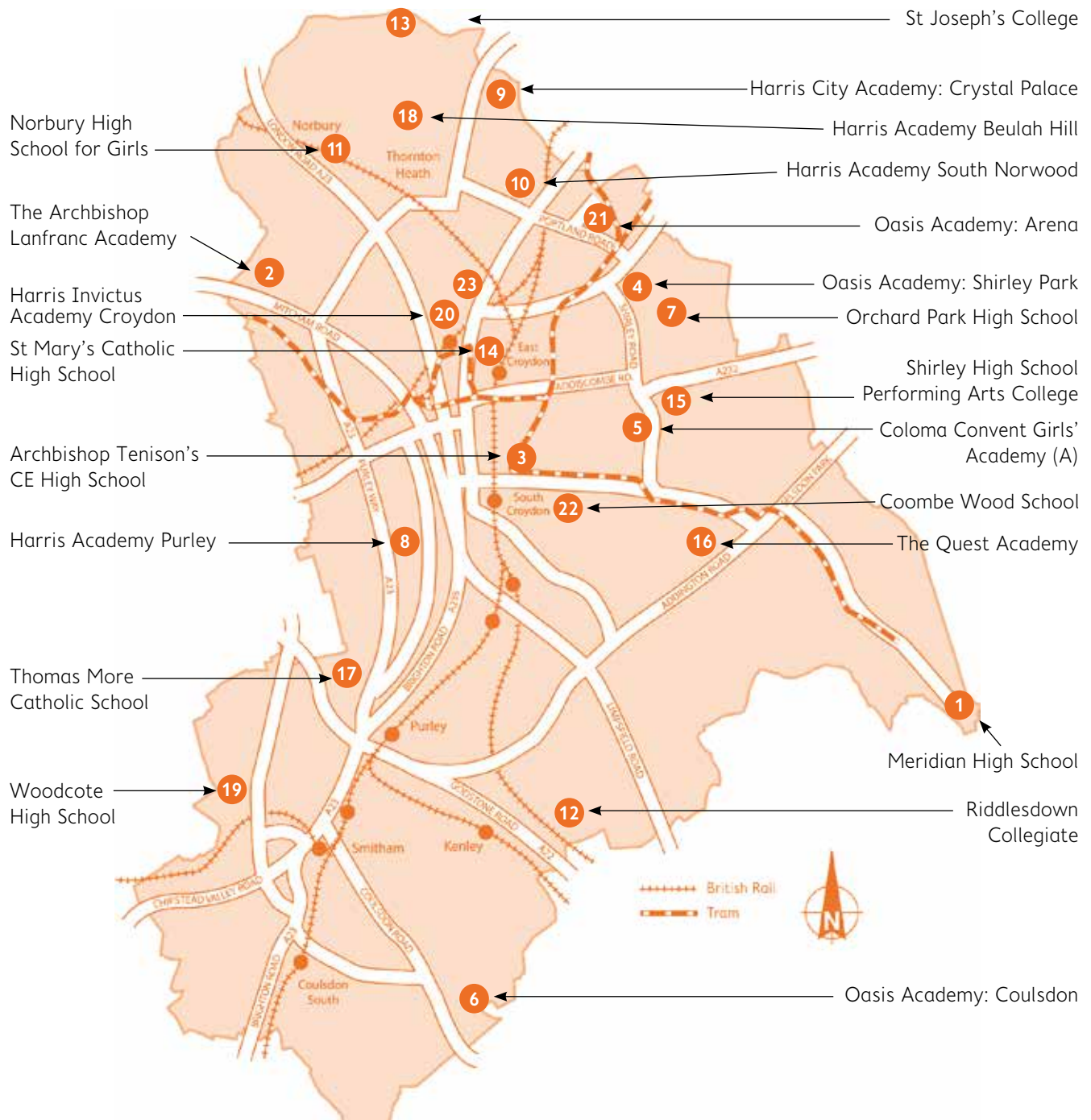
Schools in other boroughs

If you wish to apply for a school in another borough (i.e. outside Croydon) the school must be included in the online application form. The admission arrangements and admission criteria for schools in other boroughs are not included in this prospectus. We strongly advise you to contact the schools directly to check their arrangements and whether you meet their admissions criteria.

Independent/private schools

Applications for places at independent/private schools are not covered by the arrangements outlined in this prospectus. If you are interested in applying for places at independent schools you should find out about the application arrangements by contacting the schools concerned.

Location of secondary schools in Croydon



Key

Types of School



Academy



Voluntary Aided School

Meridian High School	1	Harris Academy South Norwood	10	Harris Academy Beulah Hill	18
The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy	2	Norbury High School for Girls	11	Woodcote High School	19
Archbishop Tenison's CE High School	3	Riddlesdown Collegiate	12	Harris Invictus Academy Croydon	20
Oasis Academy: Shirley Park	4	St. Joseph's College	13	Oasis Academy Arena	21
Coloma Convent Girls' Academy (A)	5	St. Mary's Catholic High School	14	Coombe Wood School	22
Oasis Academy Coulsdon	6	Shirley High School Performing Arts College	15	Ark Blake Academy	23
Orchard Park High School	7	The Quest Academy	16		
Harris Academy Purley	8	Thomas More Catholic School	17		
Harris City Academy Crystal Palace	9				



Transfer to Secondary School 2025

Overview of allocations

The following table indicates how many places were allocated to each Croydon school under each criterion and, where relevant, how far places were allocated to under the distance criterion.

	LAC	Medical/ Social	Feeder	Feeder/Siblings	Staff Child	Ability / Aptitude	Banding	Faith	Faith siblings	Siblings	Open Places	Open Places Siblings	Distance / Non faith	(SEN)	Furthest Distance (M)
Archbishop Tenison's	2	0	14	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	38	20	N/A	67	9	2.331	8	N/A
Ark Blake Academy	1	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	38	N/A	N/A	107	0	4.03
Coloma Girls' Convent	1	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	90	25	3	N/A	N/A	46	7	N/A
Coombe Wood School	3	N/A	90	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	31	N/A	N/A	50	5	0.898
Harris Academy Belulah Hill	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	179	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
Harris Academy Purley	0	0	18	N/A	0	N/A	134	N/A	N/A	28	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
Harris City Academy Crystal Palace	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	17	146	N/A	N/A	41	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
Harris Invictus Academy	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	147	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	N/A
Harris Academy South Norwood	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	120	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A
Meridian High School	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	31	N/A	N/A	62	0	7.635
Norbury High School	3	2	8	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	37	N/A	N/A	88	4	5.523
Oasis Academy Arena	0	1	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	N/A	N/A	19	0	10.326
Oasis Academy Coulsdon	4	2	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	53	N/A	N/A	110	10	1.867
Oasis Academy Shirley Park	3	0	18	8	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	37	N/A	N/A	82	4	4.005
Orchard Park High	0	0	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	34	N/A	N/A	113	2	2.138

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Overview of allocations continued..

	LAC	Medical/ Social	Feeder	Feeder/Siblings	Staff Child	Ability / Aptitude	Banding	Faith	Faith siblings	Siblings	Open Places	Open Places Siblings	Distance / Non faith	(SEN)	Furthest Distance (M)
Riddlesdown Collegiate	6	0	N/A	N/A	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	128	N/A	N/A	173	20	1.457
St Joseph's Boys' College	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	18	N/A	39	9	6	N/A	N/A	29	5	5.845
St Mary's Catholic High	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	33	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41	3	N/A
Shirley High School	0	1	N/A	N/A	0	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	27	N/A	N/A	121	0	11.483
The Archbishop Lanfranc	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32	N/A	N/A	80	0	2.938
The Quest Academy	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	45	N/A	N/A	81	8	177.39
Thomas More School	0	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	0	17	N/A	N/A	55	4	4.811
Woodcote High School	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	48	N/A	N/A	181	6	3.971

Open days/evenings for secondary schools

2026 admissions

School	Date	Time
Archbishop Tenison's CE High School	Wednesday 10 September 2025	5.00pm – 7.30pm (open evening) Headteacher presentations will take place at 5.10pm and 6.10pm.
	Tuesday 30 September 2025	5.00pm – 7.30pm (open evening) Headteacher presentations will take place at 5.10pm and 6.10pm. For further information about our Open Evenings please visit: www.archten.croydon.sch.uk/applicationsforyear7
Ark Blake Academy	Thursday 9 October 2025	5.00pm – 7.30pm (open evening)
	Tuesday 14 October 2025	9.00am - 10.30am (open mornings)
	Thursday 16 October 2025	Please register your interest in attending one of our open events via our website.
	Tuesday 21 October 2025	
Coloma Convent Girls' School	Thursday 25 September 2025	4.30pm - 7.30pm (open evening) Headteacher's talks throughout the evening.
	Monday 15 September 2025	Open mornings by appointment only 8.30am start – please arrive promptly https://www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk/news/announcements/item/33/open-morning-events-for-year-7-entry-september-2026
	Tuesday 16 September 2025	
	Wednesday 17 September 2025	
	Wednesday 1 October 2025	4.30pm - 7.00pm (sixth form open evening)
Coombe Wood School	Monday 6 October 2025	Sixth Form Open Mornings by appointment only 8.30am start – please arrive promptly
	Tuesday 7 October 2025	
	Wednesday 17 September 2025	5.00pm - 8.00pm (open evening) Last admission 7.45pm
	Monday 22 September 2025 Wednesday 24 September 2025 Friday 26 September 2025	9.00am - 10.30am (school tour) Tours by appointment only – Booking details on school website nearer the time.
Harris Academy Beulah Hill	Thursday 25 September 2025	4.30pm – 7.30pm (open evening)
	Wednesday 17 September 2025	9.00am -10.30am (open mornings), please book here for open evening and open mornings: https://forms.office.com/e/jewwN5A5n2
	Wednesday 1 October 2025	
Harris Academy Purley	Thursday 18 September 2025	4.30pm – 7.30pm (open evening – last admission at 7.00pm)
	Wednesday 24 September 2025	Open mornings: 9.15am – 10.15am (school tour)
	Thursday 25 September 2025	
Harris Academy South Norwood	Thursday 18 September 2025	4.30pm - 7.30pm (open evening) Morning tours daily between 9.10am – 9.40am during term time, starting from 10 Sept 2025. Booking form available on the website.

School	Date	Time
Harris City Academy Crystal Palace	Thursday 25 September 2025 Monday 6 October to Friday 10 October 2025	5.00pm – 7.00pm (open evening – last admission at 6.30pm) 10.30am – 11.30am (open mornings – tours by appointment)
Harris Invictus Academy Croydon	Thursday 2 October 2025 Tuesday 7 October 2025 Thursday 9 October 2025	5.00pm – 7.00pm (open evening – last admission at 6.30pm)) 9.00am – 9.45am (open morning) 9.00am – 9.45am (open morning) For further information see our Open Day page: https://www.harrisinvictus.org.uk/723/welcome-to-our-open-day-page
Meridian High School	Thursday 18 September 2025 Tuesday 23 September 2025 Tuesday 30 September 2025	5.30pm – 8.00pm (open evening) Leadership presentation at 6.00pm. 9.30am- 11am (open mornings by appointment) Book via reception on 020 3943 1328, email info@meridianhigh.london or using the online form at: https://forms.office.com/e/L6EcXvmUB0
Norbury High School for Girls	Tuesday 16 September 2025	4.00pm – 7.00pm (open evening – Year 7) To book an open morning please call the school office on 0208 679 0062
Oasis Academy Arena	Wednesday 10 September 2025 From Thursday 18 September 2025	4.00pm – 7.00pm (open evening) Principal's speech at 5pm and 6pm 9.00am – 9.45am (open mornings every Thursday until half-term)
Oasis Academy Coulsdon	Wednesday 24 September 2025 Wednesday 1 October 2025 Thursday 9 October 2025 Tuesday 14 October 2025	4.45pm – 8.00pm (last entry 7.30pm) 9.00am – 10.15am (open morning) 9.00am -10.15am (open morning) 9.00am – 10.15am (open morning) Open mornings by appointment only
Oasis Academy Shirley Park	Thursday 11 September 2025 Thursday 25 September 2025	5.30pm – 7.00pm (open evening) 5.30pm – 7.00pm (open evening) Open mornings everyday 9.45 – 10.30am by appointment only from 16th September 2025. To book a place on the tour please email: admin@oasisshirleypark.org
Ochard Park High School	Thursday 18 September 2025 Wednesday 24 September 2025 Thursday 25 September 2025 Tuesday 30 September 2025	5.00pm – 7.00pm (open evening) 8.15am – 10.00am To attend open mornings please email: admissions@orchardparkhigh.net or call: 020 8776 0220
Riddlesdown Collegiate	Thursday 25 September 2025 Monday to Friday 15 – 19 September 2025 Tuesday 30 September 2025 Wednesday 8 October 2025 Thursday 9 October 2025	5.30pm-8.30pm (open evening) 9.15am –10.45am (open mornings) To attend open mornings, please contact the school Reception on 020 8668 5136 6.00pm – 8.00pm (6th form open evening)



School	Date	Time
Shirley High School Performing Arts College	Thursday 2 October 2025	5.00pm – 7.30pm (open evening) The Principal's Presentation will take place at 5.15pm and 6.15pm. Families can register their attendance https://shirleyhighschool.applicaa.com/events/0195d7f5-f9dd-7f78-bebe-349c72f32928
	From week commencing Monday 6 October 2025	9.00 am (open morning tours) strictly by appointment only. Book online https://shirleyhighschool.applicaa.com/00000000-07d0-712c-b0ca-9dc615b2e1fe
St Joseph's RC College	Thursday 2 October 2025	4.30pm – 7.30pm (open evening – last admission 7.00pm) Co-Head's talk at 6:30 pm
	Tuesday 07 October 2025 Wednesday 15 October 2025 Tuesday 21 October 2025	9.30 am – 10.30 am (open mornings)
St Mary's Catholic High School	Monday 22 September 2025 Tuesday 23 September 2025 Monday 6 October 2025 Tuesday 7 October 2025 Monday 13 October 2025 Tuesday 14 October 2025	9.15am – 10.15am (open mornings) To attend an open morning, or arrange a more convenient time please phone 020 8686 3837 or email admissions@stmaryscroydon.co.uk
	Thursday 9 October 2025	4.00pm – 6.00pm (open evening)
The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy	Wednesday 24 September 2025 Monday 29 September 2025 Tuesday 7 October 2025 Wednesday 15 October 2025	5.00pm – 8.00pm (open evening) 9.00am – 10.00am (school tour) 11.30am – 12.30am (school tour) 9.00am – 10.00am (school tour) *Tours must be booked in advance by contacting the Academy directly by email or phone – office@lanfranc.org.uk , 0208 689 1255.
The Quest Academy	Tuesday 16 September 2025	5.00pm – 8.30pm (open evening)
	Monday 22 September 2025 Monday 29 September 2025 Monday 6 October 2025 Monday 13 October 2025	11.00am – 12.30pm (open mornings)
Thomas More Catholic School	Thursday 18 September 2025	5.00pm – 7.00pm (open evening – Headteacher's talk at 6.00pm)
	Monday 13 – Friday 17 October 2025 Monday 20 – Thursday 23 October 2025	9.00am – 10.00am (open mornings by appointment). To attend an open morning, please email admissions@tmore.org.uk
Woodcote High School	Wednesday 17 September 2025	8.45am – 10.30am (open morning – please arrive by 9.00am)
	Thursday 18 September 2025	5.00pm – 7.30pm (open evening) – please book using the Microsoft form available on the school's website.
	Thursday 25 September 2025	8.45am – 10.30am (open morning – please arrive by 9.00am)

Secondary schools outside Croydon

The following secondary schools are situated within three miles of Croydon's boundary. They can be contacted direct for their admissions policies, and for information about other schools in these boroughs please contact the relevant local authorities directly.

A = Academy **C** = Community **F** = Foundation **VA** = Voluntary Aided **VC** = Voluntary Controlled

<p>London Borough of Bromley: Bromley Civic Centre 2 Westmoreland Road Bromley BR1 1AS 020 8313 4044</p>	<p>London Borough of Lambeth: PO Box 80771 London SW2 9QQ 020 7926 9503</p>	<p>London Borough of Lewisham: Laurence House, 1 Catford Road London SE6 4RU 020 8314 8282 (open from 9.00am to 1.00pm Monday to Thursday)</p>
<p>Harris Girls' Academy Bromley (A) Lennard Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 1QR 020 8778 5917 DfE Code No: 305 4002</p>	<p>Bishop Thomas Grant School (RC) (VA) Belltrees Grove, London, SW16 2HY 020 8769 3294 DfE Code No 208 5401</p>	<p>Bonus Pastor Catholic College (VA) Winlaton Road, Bromley BR1 5PZ 020 8695 2100 DfE Code No 209 4802</p>
<p>Hayes School (A) West Common Road, Hayes Bromley, BR2 7DB 020 8462 2767 DfE Code No: 305 5407</p>	<p>City Heights E-Act Academy (mixed)(A) 33 Abbots Park, SW2 3PW 020 3691 4600 DfE Code No: 208 6907</p>	
<p>Langley Park School for Boys (A) Hawksbrook Lane, South Eden Park Road, Beckenham, BR3 3BP 020 8639 4700 DfE Code No: 305 5402</p>		<p>Forest Hill School, (Boys) (C) Dacres Road, London, SE23 2XN 020 8699 9343 DfE Code No 209 4289</p>
<p>The Ravensbourne School (A) Hayes Lane, Bromley, Kent, BR2 9EH 020 8460 0083 DfE Code No: 305 5413</p>	<p>La Retraite Roman Catholic Girls' School (VA) Atkins Road, London SW12 0AB 020 8673 5644 DfE Code No 208 5400</p>	
<p>Charles Darwin School (A) Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, Kent, TN16 3AU 01959 574043 DfE Code No: 305 5409</p>		
<p>Harris Academy Beckenham (A) Manor Way, Beckenham, BR3 3SJ 020 8650 8694 DfE Code No: 305 4000</p>		
<p>Langley Park School for Girls (A) Hawksbrook Lane, South Eden Park Rd Beckenham, BR3 3BE 020 8663 4199 DfE Code No: 305 5412</p>		
<p>Bishop Justus Church of England School (A) Magpie Hall Lane, Bromley, BR2 8HZ 020 8315 8130 DfE Code No 305 4604</p>		<p>Harris Academy Morden (A) Lilleshall Road, Morden, SM4 6DU, 020 8687 1157 DfE Code No: 315 4000</p>
		<p>St Mark's Church of England Academy (A) Acacia Road, Mitcham, CR4 1SF 020 8648 6627 DfE Code No 315 6906</p>

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<p>London Borough of Southwark: Southwark Children's and Adults' Services PO Box 64529 London SE1P 5LX 020 7525 5337</p> <p>Kingsdale Foundation School (A) Alleyn Park, Dulwich London SE21 8SQ 020 8670 7575 DfE Code No. 210 4265</p>	<p>London Borough of Sutton: St Nicholas Way Sutton SM1 1EA 020 8770 5000</p> <p>Carshalton Boys' Sports College (A) Winchcombe Road SM5 1RW 020 8714 3100 DfE Code No 319 4000</p> <p>Greenshaw High School (A) Grennell Road, Sutton, SM1 3DY 020 8715 1001 DfE Code No 319 4007</p> <p>St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls (VA) Pound Street, Carshalton SM5 3PS 020 8642 2025 DfE Code No 319 5406</p> <p>Wallington County Grammar School (Boys) (A) Croydon Road, Wallington Surrey, SM6 7PH 020 8647 2235 DfE Code No 319 5407</p> <p>Wilson's School (Boys) (A) Mollison Drive, Wallington Surrey SM6 9JW 020 8773 2931 DfE Code No 319 5400</p> <p>Carshalton High School (Girls) (A) West Street, Carshalton, SM5 2QX 020 8647 8294 DfE Code No 319 4002</p> <p>The John Fisher School (Boys) Roman Catholic (VA) Peaks Hill, Purley, Surrey, CR8 3YP 020 8660 4555 DfE Code No 319 5402</p> <p>Oaks Park High School (A) Damson Way, Carshalton SM5 4NS 020 8647 5842 DfE Code No 319 4008</p>	<p>Wallington High School for Girls (A) Woodcote Road, Wallington, Surrey, SM6 0PH 020 8647 2380 DfE Code No 319 5405</p> <p>Harris Academy Sutton (A) 2 Chiltern Road, Sutton SM2 020 3962 4500 DfE Code No: 319 4005</p>
<p>Surrey County Council: PO Box 475 Reigate RH2 2HP 0300 200 1004</p> <p>The Beacon School (A) Picquets Way, Banstead Surrey SM7 1AG 01737 359103 DfE Code No 936 5406</p> <p>Warlingham (A) Tithepit Shaw Lane, Warlingham CR6 9YB 01883 624067 DfE Code No 936 4153</p> <p>De Stafford School (A) Burntwood Lane, Caterham, Surrey CR3 5YX 01883 347818 DfE Code No 936 5408</p>		<p>London Borough of Wandsworth: Children's Services Department Town Hall Extension Wandsworth High Street London SW18 2PU 020 8871 7316</p> <p>Burntwood School (Girls) (A) Burntwood Lane, London SW17 0AQ 020 8946 6201 DfE Code No 212 5401</p> <p>Chestnut Grove Academy (A) Chestnut Grove Balham SW12 8JZ 020 8673 8737 DfE Code No 212 4328</p> <p>Graveney School (A) Welham Road, Tooting SW17 9BU 020 8682 7000 DfE Code No 212 5400</p>



SECTION TWO

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN)

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2. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN)

Pupils with special educational needs and disability (SEND)

All mainstream primary schools have a statutory duty to make additional provision for children who have been identified as having SEND.

Quality First Teaching means that all children, including those with special educational needs (SEND), are supported to make good progress in the classroom. Teachers use a range of strategies and interventions to meet individual needs. For most children with SEND, this level of support, provided within the school, is called SEND Support.

If you want to find out more about the support and arrangements in place for your child, you should contact the school's Special Educational Needs & disabilities Coordinator (SENCO).

Pupils Receiving SEND Support and do not have an Education & Health Care Plan

If your child is currently receiving additional support for any special educational needs or disability, including Locality Funding through Croydon Locality SEND Support, the arrangements for secondary school admissions are the same as for all pupils and you must complete the online application form.

If your child is currently undergoing an Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessment (but does not yet have a final EHCP), the arrangements for secondary school admissions are the same as for all pupils and you must complete the online application form.

Pupils with Education Health and Care Plans

Choosing a secondary school and waiting for confirmation of a placement is an important time for all children and their families and particularly so for children with an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP).

As such responsibility for managing secondary school placements for children with EHC plans lies directly with the Croydon Local Authority (LA) SEND Service (0-25 SEND Team) and separate from the processes for all children led by Croydon LA Secondary Admissions Team. **You should not complete the online application form for secondary school placement.**

Your child's allocated EHC Plan Coordinator will support you through the admissions process.

What happens next?

The process for selecting a suitable secondary school starts in the summer term of Year 5. The first priority is to complete a School Preference Form. The form asks you to list your preferred choices of up to three secondary schools.

If the child/young person's recent EHC Plan review indicates that their needs require provision offered by a special school you must still include a mainstream school on the form. This is because your preferred special school may not be able to offer you a place or the LA may take the view that needs can be continued to be met in a mainstream school.

The deadline for return of this form is 11th July 2025, earlier than the deadline for secondary school applications for other children who do not have an EHC plan. This gives the SEND Service as much time as possible to find the right school for your child.

If you feel that you may not be able to complete the form by this deadline it is important that you notify your EHC coordinator to seek further advice and support.

When your completed form is returned, formal applications to schools will begin. The schools will receive a copy of your child's EHC Plan so that they can consider whether they are able to meet your child's needs. The SEND Service may contact the nearest suitable state-funded school to see if they can meet the child/young person's needs, if this has not already been included in your preferences. Decisions about school placements are made with due regard for parental preference and consideration of whether the school can provide a suitable education which is compatible with the efficient use of resources and education of others.

This process takes place throughout the Autumn term 2025 and involves schools and Local Authority officers working closely together to secure a secondary placement for September 2026 and a smooth transition into Year 7.

Once a place has been confirmed you will be notified. The current EHC Plan will be amended, naming the secondary school placement in Section I.

You will receive the amended copy of the EHC Plan no later than 15th February 2026.



Pupils with special educational needs and disability (SEND)

What should parents/carers do?

It is important that you take the time to visit a range of secondary school settings prior to making your preferences.

Details of all secondary schools can be found on the Croydon SEND Local Offer website;

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/find-school-near-you>

Your SENCO can also help you make contact with secondary schools which you would like to visit.

What happens if parent/carers disagree with the amended EHC Plan?

Whenever there is an amendment to a child or young person's EHC Plan, parents and carers have the right to appeal to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal. When you receive the amended EHC Plan you will be provided with more information about how you can do this.

Travel Assistance

It is important that you consider travel arrangements when you are deciding your preferred school placement for your child as your preferred school may not necessarily meet the eligibility criteria for travel support.

Please contact the travel eligibility team Koreen Sinclair on: **07801992665** or **0208 726 6000 ext. 28166** or email: transport.eligibility@croydon.gov.uk if you are unsure whether your preferred school meets the eligibility criteria.

What should I do if I think my child will require transport to secondary school?

Once a school has been named you are entitled to apply for travel assistance. Children with EHC Plans are not automatically entitled to travel assistance. Each case will be considered on an individual basis to see if eligibility criteria are met. For further guidance as to eligibility please find the travel assistance policy online at www.croydon.gov.uk or call **07801 992665** for further information.

What other advice and support is available?

Your child's school SENCO and other professionals who work closely with them can offer support and advice to help you explore which schools may be most suitable.

The 'Moving to Secondary School timeline' sets out key actions to inform planning and preparation for a successful move to secondary school.

Croydon Parents in Partnership (PIP) have produced a leaflet providing guidance for children with SEND moving onto secondary school available on the Croydon SEND Local Offer website.

If you have any further questions about this process or you would like updates on progress please do not hesitate to contact your EHC coordinator.

Further Advice and Support

Contact Croydon 0-25 SEND Service **020 8604 7263**

or email SENenquiries@croydon.gov.uk

Independent advice is available from KIDS SENDIAS Service on **020 8663 5630**.

The Croydon SEND Local Offer includes details of other services that can provide advice and guidance on a move to secondary school for children with SEND.

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/education/special-educational-needs>



Directory of special schools and enhanced learning provisions (ELPs)

Admission to Croydon special schools and enhanced learning provisions is managed by Croydon Local Authority 0-25 SEND Service. For further information please contact SEND Enquiries: ☎ 020 8604 7263 SENenquiries@croydon.gov.uk

Special Schools and Specialist Colleges

Beckmead Park Academy

Specialism: Social emotional mental health needs and challenging behaviour

Age Range: 7-13

Address: Monks Orchard Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3BZ

☎ 020 8777 9311

✉ ParkOffice@beckmeadtrust.org

🌐 www.beckmeadtrust.org/park

Priory School

Specialism: Severe learning difficulties

Age Range: 11-19

Address: Hermitage Road, Upper Norwood, London SE19 3QN

☎ 020 8653 8222

✉ admin@priorycroydon.org.uk

🌐 www.priorycroydon.org.uk

Croydon FE College SEN Specialist Centre: Croydon Pathways

Specialism: severe, profound, complex learning difficulties to support transition to adulthood

Age Range: post 19

Address: Coulsdon College, Place-house Lane, Coulsdon, CR5 1YA

☎ 020 8760 5934

✉ admissions@croydon.ac.uk

🌐 <https://croydon.ac.uk/19-adult-learning-courses/>

Tharreo House

Specialism: Emotional/mental health needs, including school phobia and self-harming

Age Range: 11-19

Address: Salcot Crescent, New Addington, CR0 0NA

☎ 020 8777 9311

✉ office@beckmead.croydon.sch.uk

🌐 www.beckmeadtrust.org/news-and-events/latest-news/tharreo-house

St Giles School

Specialism: Physical disabilities, complex medical needs, and multiple learning difficulties

Age Range: 2-19

Address: 207 Pampisford Road, South Croydon CR2 6DF

☎ 020 8680 2141

✉ office@st-gilesschool.co.uk

🌐 www.st-gilesschool.co.uk

Priory post-16 centre

Specialism: Severe learning difficulties and Autism

Age Range: 16-19

Address: Hermitage Road, Upper Norwood, London SE19 3QN

☎ 020 8653 8222

✉ Secretary-p16@priorycroydon.org.uk

🌐 www.priorycroydon.org.uk/post-16-curriculum

Beckmead College

Specialism: Social emotional mental health needs and challenging behaviour

Age Range: 14-19

Address: Tennison Road, South Norwood, London SE25 5RR

☎ 0208 289 4701

✉ collegeoffice@beckmeadtrust.org

🌐 www.beckmeadtrust.org/page/?-title=Beckmead+College&pid=73

Addington Valley Academy

Specialism: Autism and complex needs

Age Range: 2-19

Address: Canterbury Rd Recreation Ground, Croydon CR0 3HH

☎ 020 4511 2949

✉ enquiries@addingtonvalley.org

🌐 <https://addingtonvalley.org/>

Chaffinch Brook School

Specialism: Autism and challenging behaviour

Age Range: 5-11

Address: 32 Morland Road, Croydon CR0 6NA

☎ 020 8325 4612

✉ ChaffinchOffice@beckmeadtrust.org

🌐 www.beckmeadtrust.org/chaffinch

Bensham Manor School

Specialism: Moderate learning difficulties

Age Range: 11-19

Address: Ecclesbourne Road, Croydon CR7 7BN

☎ 020 8684 0116

✉ theoffice@benshammanor.com

🌐 www.benshammanor.co.uk

Directory of special schools and enhanced learning provisions continued...

Admission to Croydon special schools and enhanced learning provisions is managed by Croydon Local Authority 0-25 SEND Service. For further information please contact SEND Enquiries: 020 8604 7263 SENenquiries@croydon.gov.uk

Secondary Enhanced Learning Provisions - ELPs

Meridian High School

Specialism: Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Age Range: 11-18

Address: Fairchildes Avenue, New Addington, Croydon CR0 0AH

020 3943 1328

info@meridianhigh.london

www.meridianhigh.london

Oasis Academy Arena

Specialism: Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Age Range: 11-16

Address: Albert Road, SE25 4QL

020 7921 4263

info@oasisarena.org

www.oasisacademyarena.org

Woodcote High School

Specialism: Physical and medical sensory needs

Age Range: 11-16

Address: Meadow Rise, Purley, Coulsdon CR5 2EH

020 8668 6464

enquiries@woodcote.croydon.sch.uk

<https://woodcotehigh.org.uk/>

Oasis Academy Coulsdon (The Ozone)

Specialism: Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Age Range: 11-16

Address: Homefield Road, Old Coulsdon, CR5 1ES

01737 551 161

admin@oasiscoulsdon.org

www.oasisacademycoulsdon.org

Orchard Park High School

Specialism: Developmental Language Disorder (DLD)

Age Range: 11-16

Address: Orchard Way, Shirley, Croydon CR0 7NJ

020 8776 0220

admin@orchardparkhigh.net

www.orchardparkhigh.co.uk

Moving to secondary schools

Timeline of key activities for transfer of children with EHC plans

Year 4 & 5	Joint planning with parents and school to support process of choosing a suitable secondary school, including arranging visits to different secondary schools and consideration of the additional help that may be required in a secondary school.	Information about local secondary schools can be found on the Croydon SEND Local Offer or as part of the LA Secondary School Admission online directory*. This directory has dates of open days and even ings organised at the start of each Autumn term. The SENCO at your child's school can help you to arrange visits too.	*The LA SEND Service manage the secondary transfer process for children with EHC plans. Parents do not have to complete the general online secondary school application form.
Year 5 Spring/ Summer Term	LA sends school preference form to parents asking to list three secondary schools in order of preference.	You can also look on each school's website to find out about their SEND Provision and other features of the school.	
Year 5 No later than 31st July 2025	Deadline to return school preference form	If parents are not able to meet this deadline they should notify the SEND Service to seek further advice and support.	
Year 6 Autumn Term	LA contacts schools listed on the school preference form.	Placement decisions are made with due regard for parental preference and consideration of whether the school can provide a suitable education which is compatible with efficient use of resources and education of others.	
No later 15th Feb (Year 6)	Amended EHC plan issued naming secondary school or Type of School placement.	Parents have the right to appeal if they do not agree with the school named.	
Year 6 Summer Term	Joint review meeting with staff from new secondary school to discuss what has worked well and other actions to enable successful transition to Year 7, including agreement on EHC outcomes at the end of KS3 (Year 9) and the support required to support progress towards these outcomes	Enhanced transition arrangements might include additional visits to the secondary school, familiarisation with the school building and routines, a photo pack of key staff and daily events and/or practising the journey to and from school.	Travel assistance to and from school. Children with EHC Plans do not automatically qualify for travel assistance. Once a secondary school has been named you can apply for travel assistance. Each request is considered on an individual basis based on eligibility criteria.



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Applying for a place at a University Technical College or at a Studio School

Children born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 and who are currently in Year 9 are eligible to apply for a place at a University Technical College (UTC) or a Studio School for the September 2026 intake.

Croydon does not currently have any UTCs or Studio Schools but a full list of all 14+ schools in London and the surrounding area can be viewed at <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/school-admissions/admissions-secondary-schools-university-technical-colleges-and-studio-schools/university-technical-colleges-and-studio-schools>

University Technical Colleges (UTCs)

www.utcolleges.org/utcs/

University Technical Colleges are set up by universities as business and specialise in one or two technical subjects. In years 10 and 11, they offer a similar GCSE curriculum to a typical secondary school, including English and Maths, as well as their specialist subject.

Studio Schools

www.studioschoolstrust.org/

Studio schools are similar to UTCs in that they have employer involvement in the curriculum and focus on developing skills needed for employment, involving personal coaching and work experience, along a similar curriculum to a typical secondary school.

How to apply

Applications to some UTCs and Studio schools are coordinated by Croydon local authority and you must apply before **31 October 2025**. Please email school.admissions@croydon.gov.uk to request an application form. You will be notified of the result of your application on **2 March 2026**.

A few UTCs and Studio Schools require parents to apply directly to them and therefore you must contact them for details of the application process and closing dates. Please refer to the list at <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/school-admissions/admissions-secondary-schools-university-technical-colleges-and-studio-schools/university-technical-colleges-and-studio-schools> for more information.

In-year admission to secondary schools

For detailed information on the application process for in-year admissions, please view the In-Year Admission to Secondary schools on our website at: <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/-school-admissions/admissions-secondary-schools-university-technical-colleges-and-studio-schools/-step-by-step/secondary-school-year-admissions-step-step>

Applications for a secondary school place outside the normal admissions round are treated as 'in-year' admissions. The process for making such applications depends on whether you are applying for a place in:

- A secondary school(s) in Croydon (excepting Harris Academies), in which case you will need to complete an 'in-year' Common Application Form (iCAF) from Croydon Council, as set out below.
- A Harris Academy in Croydon, in which case you must apply direct to the academy, as set out on the academy's website.
- A school outside of Croydon, in which case you will need to contact the home local authority, who will provide information on how to apply.

Croydon's iCAF

Croydon's online iCAF is available to complete through our online portal at: <https://croydon.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Enquiries/-Citizen/citizen.aspx/admissions-signin>

The iCAF must be fully completed for it to be treated as a valid application.

The admission authority considers each application and, if a vacancy exists at a school named on the application, makes an offer to the next child on the waiting list which is ordered strictly in accordance with the schools' published admissions criteria, as set out on the respective school's website or Croydon Council's website at

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/schools-and-education/-schools/find-school-near-you/secondary-schools>

Supplementary Information Form (SIF)

Some schools also require a SIF to be completed. Please refer to the school's website for information on their requirements for a SIF. Where a school does require a SIF to be completed, these forms are available on the school's website. A paper copy can also be requested from the school. However, a SIF will only be considered valid if you have named the school on Croydon's **iCAF**.

Croydon's school admissions team

Croydon's school admission team check the iCAFs to ensure they have been completed properly. They then forward the child's details to the Croydon schools named on the form.

Governing bodies' decisions

The school's governing body considers each application in accordance with their published admissions criteria, as set out on their website.

Outcome of your in-year application

The school will notify the local authority of the outcome of your application.

If your child is offered a place at a school which you have listed as a lower preference school on your in-year application, he/she will not automatically be placed on the waiting for your higher preference schools. Parents/carers must re-apply if they wish to be added back to the waiting list for those schools <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/school-admissions/admissions-secondary-schools-university-technical-colleges-and-studio-schools/step-by-step/secondary-school-year/apply-online>

Appeals

There is a right of appeal if your application is unsuccessful to any of the schools you have applied. The appeals process is described in this booklet and on the Council/school websites.

Privacy Statement

Croydon Council will handle the information you have provided in line with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Any personal information will be held in confidence with only the necessary people able to see or use it. For the purpose of processing your application for a school place we may share information you provide to deal with your requests, administer departmental functions and meet our statutory obligations; this may include sharing your information with schools, other local authorities, children's services and London Grid for Learning (LGfL) who process data on our behalf. Where we are unable to secure a school place through the normal admission procedures, we may also share the information you provide with the Fair Access panel. Under the General Data Protection Regulations, you have the right to make a formal request in writing for access to personal data held about you or your child.

The School Admissions Team main method of communication with you will be via email and where the information sent to you contains personal data it will be sent using secure email. It is your responsibility to provide the School Admissions Service up-to-date contact details and to keep them informed of any change of circumstances.

Croydon Council has a duty under the Children's Act 2004 to work with partners to provide and improve services to children and young people in the area. Therefore, Croydon council may also use this information for other legitimate purposes and may share this information where necessary with other bodies responsible for administering services to children and young people. Croydon Council also has a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end, it may use the information you have provided on this form for the prevention and detection of fraud. It should be noted that where fraudulent information is submitted this may lead to prosecution.

For a full copy of the Education and Youth Engagement Division's Privacy Notice please see:

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/council-and-elections/privacy-and-data-protection/privacy-notices/education-youth-engagement-service-privacy-notice>

The closing date for secondary school applications is

If English is not your first language and you need help to understand the information contained in this brochure, please contact the School Admissions Team on Tel: 020 8726 6400, ext 61884. We will then arrange for an interpreter to help you.

Nëse Anglishtja nuk është gjuha juaj e parë dhe ju keni nevojë për ndihmë për të kuptuar përmbajtjen e kësaj broshure, ju lutem telefononi Zyrën e Pranimeve (Admission Team) në Departamentin e Edukimit (Education Department) në numrin **020 8726 6400**. Ne më pas do të gjejmë një perkthyes për t'ju ndihmuar.

Albanian

ইংরেজী যদি আপনার প্রথম বা মাতৃভাষা না হয় এবং এই পুস্তিকার বিষয়বস্তু বুঝবার জন্য আপনি সাহায্য চান, এডুকেশন ডিপার্টমেন্ট বা শিক্ষা বিভাগের অ্যাডমিশনস্ টিম (ভর্তির দায়িত্বপ্রাপ্ত দল)-কে 020 8726 6400 , এক্সটেনশন 1884 - এই নম্বরে টেলিফোন করবেন। আপনাকে সহায়তাদানের জন্য একজন দোভাষীর ব্যবস্থা করা হবে।

Bengali

Jestliže angličtina není Váš první jazyk a potřebovali byste pomoc s porozuměním obsahu této brožury, zatelefonojte, prosím, Příjímací skupinu (Admission Team) ve Školském oddělení (Education Department) na čísle **020 8726 6400**, S pomocí tlumočnicka Vám potom může být poskytnuta pomoc.

Czech

Si l'anglais n'est pas votre première langue et vous avez besoin d'aide afin de comprendre le contenu de cette brochure, téléphonez à l'Équipe des Admissions ("Admissions Team") au Service de l'Enseignement ("Education Department") au **020 8726 6400**. On demandera ensuite à un interprète de venir vous aider.

French

જો અંગ્રેજી તમારી પ્રથમ ભાષા ન હોય અને આ પુસ્તિકાની વિગતો સમજવામાં તમને મદદની જરૂર હોય તો, કૃપયા એજ્યુકેશન ડિપાર્ટમેન્ટના એડમિશન્સ ટીમને, ટેલિફોન નંબર: **020 8726 6400** , એક્સટેન્શન 1884 પર ફોન કરો. અમે તમારા માટે ગુજરાતી દુભાષિયાની વ્યવસ્થા કરી આપીશું જે તમને મદદ કરશે.

Gujerati

ਜੇਕਰ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ੀ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਕਿਤਾਬ ਦੇ ਵਿਚ ਲਿਖੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਸਮਝਣ ਵਿਚ ਮਦਦ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਰਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਐਜੂਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਡਿਪਾਰਟਮੈਂਟ ਵਿਚ ਅਡਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਟੀਮ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਨੰਬਰ 'ਤੇ ਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ: **020 8726 6400** ਅਸੀਂ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਲਈ ਕਿਸੇ ਇੰਟਰਪ੍ਰਿਟਰ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧ ਕਰਾਂਗੇ।

Panjabi

Haddii af Ingiriisudu aanay ahayn luqadaada koowaad caawimana aad u baahantahay si aad u fahanto waxa uu ka koobanyahay buugyarahani, fadlan kala soo hadal kooxda ogolaanshaha ee qaybta waxbarashada telifoonka **020 8726 6400**. Intaa ka dib waxa lagu diyaarin doonaa inuu ku caawiyo turjumaan.

Somali

ஆங்கிலம் உங்களுக்கு முதல் மொழியாக இல்லை எனில், மற்றும் இச்சிறு புத்தகத்தில் கொடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ளவற்றை விளங்கிக் கொள்ள உங்களுக்கு உதவி தேவை எனில், தயவு செய்து எஜுகேஷன் டிபார்ட்மென்ட்டிலுள்ள அட்மிஷன்ஸ் டீமுடன் **020 8726 6400** என்ற தொலைபேசி எண்ணுடன் தொடர்பு கொள்ளவும். உங்களுக்கு உதவி செய்ய மொழி பெயர்ப்பாளருக்கு சம்மயப்படும்.

Tamil

İngilizce ana diliniz değilse ve bu kitapçının içeriğini anlamakta yardıma ihtiyacınız varsa lütfen Eğitim Dairesinden (Education Department) Kayıt Ekibine (Admission Team) **020 8726 6400** telefon ediniz. Böylelikle size yardımcı olması için bir tercüman sağlanacaktır.

Turkish

اگر انگریزی آپ کی پہلی زبان نہیں ہے اور اس کتابچے کو سمجھنے کے لئے آپ کو مدد کی ضرورت ہے تو براہ کرم ایجوکیشن ڈیپارٹمنٹ میں 'ایڈمیشن ٹیم' کو اس نمبر پر فون کیجیے **020 8726 6400**۔ لئے انٹرپرائزنگ سروس کا انتظام کیا جائے گا۔

Urdu

Contact Information

For online applications

You can apply online at eAdmissions:

www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions

Online applications close at 11.59pm on **31 October 2025**

If you have any questions or problems regarding the online admissions website please call London Grid for Learning on  **020 8255 5555**



School admissions telephone number:

020 8726 6000

Available from 9.00am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday



Customer Services

Access Croydon

Bernard Weatherill House, 8 Mint Walk, Croydon CR0 1EA



Don't forget

The closing date for your secondary school application is 31 October 2025



Feedback welcome

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