



Secondary Transfer and Admissions meeting

Monday 6th September 2021

Huge decision!



What are going to be your reasons for choosing a secondary school?

- Ofsted grade?
- Exam results?
- 6th form provision?
- Other children already attend?
- Reputation?
- Oasis Ethos?
- Impressed at the open evening/ day?
- Your child wants to go there?
- All your child's friends appear to be going there?

Others things to consider:

- How are they going to get there ... especially in the Winter months.
- You child should have a say. We know you want your child happy.



www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions

**Follow admissions to secondary schools
Apply for a secondary school place**

This then takes you through a 4 step process.

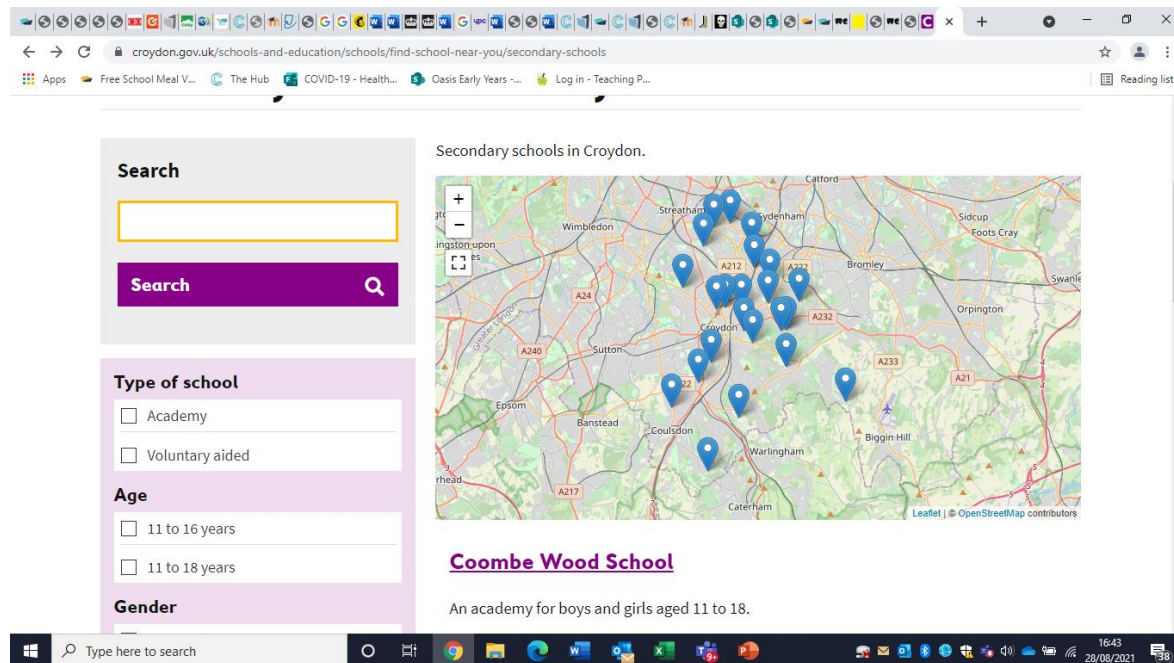
Step 1

Finding a secondary school near you.

You can search schools by name or use the criteria to narrow your choices.

Once you have found a school you can click on it in the directory to find out more information.

Generally there are links to the school websites and their yearly prospectus



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Secondary schools in Croydon' directory. On the left, there is a search panel with a search bar, a 'Search' button, and filter sections for 'Type of school' (Academy, Voluntary aided), 'Age' (11 to 16 years, 11 to 18 years), and 'Gender'. The main content area features a map of Croydon with several blue location pins. Below the map, the school 'Coombe Wood School' is highlighted, with the description 'An academy for boys and girls aged 11 to 18.' The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 16:43 on 28/08/2021.



Every school has a slightly different entry criteria.

Each year we have parents that do not put down that there are siblings in the school!

If you know the school is very popular be realistic and ask how far in a straight line distance is their catchment area. If you live outside this the reality of you getting a place for your child is slim.

Please check.



Step 2: What you need to complete your application form.

Your child's name and date of birth. It must match what is on the birth certificate. (The Legal name). It will be considered invalid if it does not.

Council Tax Number

Some schools require you to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) in addition to the application form. The Secondary school directory (Step 1) will tell you this.

Step 3: Create an eAdmissions account



Applications for school places are made through a national service called eAdmissions.

When you create an account please make sure that you keep the username and password safe ... you will need it again in March.

Make sure you have the information stated in Step 2

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You are able to select **six** schools, which you must name in your order of preference. It is advised that you use all your preferences, so that Secondary Admissions can do our best to offer you a suitable school.

Ms Eaves is able to give time to support parents in completing the form. Contact the office if you would like her to contact you.



A selection of schools offer an entrance exam and admit children through these results.

If you decide for your child to go through this process please inform the school of when the tests dates are as the secondary schools never do!

If you are applying outside of the Croydon borough the Admission to Secondary School 2019 booklet explains what you have to do.



Key dates for secondary school admissions

1) 1st September 2021

Online application process starts

2) 29th October 2021

Statutory deadline for receipt of secondary applications

3) 1st March 2022

National Offer Day – No letters it is now all on-line. Parents/carers who applied online will receive an email alert telling them when they can view the outcome of their application online

4) 15th March 2022

Deadline for receipt of acceptances/declines from parents/carers.

Parents/carers who applied online can accept or decline their offer online.

- Dates had not been confirmed at the time of writing this slide



If you submit your application after 31 October 2020

- If you missed the 31 October application deadline, you can still make a late application using the same steps as usual.
- Late applications will be processed after those received on time, which could severely reduce your child's chances of being offered a place at your preferred school.

How Croydon Council process late applications

- Applications which are late for no good reason and those that are received between 10 December 2020 and 1 March 2021 will not be considered in the initial allocation round. They will be allocated available places after all on-time preferences have been processed.
- This means that if your preferred schools are full, your child will be offered the school with places available that is nearest to your normal place of residence (the application address).

Step 4: After you apply



Accepting an offer

- You will receive your school place offer by email on the evening of 1 March 2022.
- You must accept or decline your offer by 15 March 2022.
- To respond to your offer you will need to [log into your eAdmissions account](#) – so keep your login information safe.



Step 4: After you apply

Waiting lists

If a school gets more applications than it has places, it will keep a waiting list until at least 31 December 2022. The order pupils get added to the list will be based on the school's admissions criteria

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.

You must tell us if you do not want your child to be on the waiting for a higher preference school. If a place becomes available at one of your higher preference schools, the place offered at your lower preference school will automatically be withdrawn.

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 19 April 2022.



Appeals

If your child does not get the school of their choice you have the right to appeal. There are details in the Admissions to Secondary School booklet. The letter in March will also contain information.

Please let us know in school if you are appealing. Your child will be anxious and we need to make sure we support them. We are also here to support you.



Year 6 has many changes and our job is to help support and reduce anxieties for the children.

Key worry times:

National Offer Day 1st March 2022

SATs the tests w/b 9th May 2022 (every child must be present)

Visiting their new secondary school 1st July 2022

SATs results – mid July 2022

Leaving in July 2022



Could you check the following with other Year 6 parents that you are friends with:

- that they have applied for a Secondary school place.
- They know the date they must submit the online form by.

Every year we have at least one child's parents that have not applied by 31st October.