

Choosing a Secondary school



Choosing the next school your child will attend when they leave St Nicholas is a big decision.

This booklet contains details of the secondary provision in Croydon. Our Pupils usually go to Bensham Manor or Priory School. These are also special schools.

Please look at these first before you look at other provision. St Nicholas staff will be happy to advise which school may be right for your child and their needs

Special schools in Croydon

Bensham Manor School (11-16)

Contact: Ecclesbourne Road, Thornton Heath,

Croydon, Surrey, CR7 7BN

Telephone: 020 8684 0116

Email: mainoffice@benshammanor.com

<http://www.benshammanor.com>

Priory School (11 to 16 Years)

Telephone: 020 8653 8222 or 020 8653 7879

Email: secretary@priorycroydon.org.uk

Address Line: Hermitage Road, Upper Norwood,

London SE19 3QN

Website: <http://www.priorycroydon.org.uk/>

St Giles School (for children with physical difficulties and complex medical needs)

Telephone: 020 8680 2141

Email: office@st-gilesschool.co.uk

Address Line: 207 Pampisford Road, South Croydon,

Surrey, CR2 6DF

Website: <http://st-gilesschool.co.uk>

Glossary

Maintained school – A school run by Croydon or another

Local Authority

Non-maintained – A school run independently of any Local

Authority

ELP – Enhanced Learning Provision.

SENCO (sometimes SENDCO) – Special Educational Needs

Co-ordinator.

EHCP – Educational Health Care Plan

Question to ask in a Mainstream ELP

1. How many children are in the SEN unit?
2. How much time is spent in the unit and in the main school
– are there subject they go to different places for?
3. Is there 1 teacher or different teachers for different subjects in the unit?
4. Are children placed in a form for registration and move to the unit for lessons or are the in the unit for registration?
5. How do they organise their staff? One TA per child or shared?
6. How do lunchtimes work? Is support provided at lunchtime?
7. How do children with special needs travel to school?

**Taking advice from St Nicholas and the secondary schools
Croydon will place your child in the provision that will best meet their needs.**

You can look at schools in other Boroughs or non-maintained provision but you will not necessarily be given a place at one of these school if a suitable place can be found in a Croydon maintained school

Admission is through Croydon Council's SEN team.

Other schools in Croydon with Enhanced learning provision (ELPs)

These are mainstream Secondary schools with units catering for specific needs.

All mainstream Secondary schools will have a Special needs department.

Admission is through Croydon Council's SEN team.

Meridian High (The Spectrum): Support for pupils with autism. Age range 11-16.

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

Telephone: 01689 842545

Email: info@meridianhigh.london

www.meridianhigh.london

Edenham High: Support for pupils with speech, language and communication needs. Age range: 11-18.

Contact: Orchard Way, Shirley, Croydon CR0 7NJ

Telephone: 020 8776 0220

Email: admin@edenham.net

www.edenham.croydon.sch.uk

Oasis Coulsdon (The Ozone): Support for pupils with autism. Age range 11-19.

Contact: Homefield Road, Old Coulsdon, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 1ES

Telephone: 01737 551 161

Email: admin@oasiscoulsdon.org
www.oasisacademycoulsdon.org

Oasis Arena: support for pupils with autism. Age range 11-16.

Contact: Albert Road, London, SE25 4QL

Telephone: 020 8240 6700

Email: info@oasisarena.org www.oasisacademyarena.org

Shirley High: Support for pupils with hearing impairment. Age range 11-18.

Contact: Shirley Church Road, CR0 5EF

Telephone: 020 8656 9755

Email: office@shirley.croydon.sch.uk
www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk

Woodcote High: Support for pupils with physical disabilities or medical needs. Age range 11-18.

Contact: Meadow Rise, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 2EH

Telephone: 020 8668 6464

Email: enquiries@woodcote.croydon.sch.uk
www.woodcote.croydon.sch.uk

You will need to make an appointment for a tour. Many schools have open mornings or evenings when you can visit. Look on the schools website for when these will be.

When you make your appointment... Tell the admin person your child has an EHCP and attends St Nicholas school.

Ask to speak to the SENCO. When you visit take along the last EHCP review report. This will tell them your child's levels.

Questions to ask in a special school

1. How many children are in a class
2. How many Teaching Assistant are in each class
3. How is their day organised?
4. Do the children stay in one classroom or move to different rooms for different subjects
5. How much support do the children get?
6. How do lunchtimes work?
7. Do they have a 'buddy' / befriending system to support children when they come into school?
8. Is there a quiet place they can go to if they don't want to be in the playground?
9. How do they support children socially?
10. How do children travel to school