

Additional information for Sutton parents who have not received an offer at one of their preference schools – September 2020

Unfortunately, as happens each year, it has not been possible to offer every Sutton child a place at a school that was listed as a preference on their application form. This is because for each of the schools that were named on some application forms, there were more applications than places available, and other applicants had a higher priority for a place under each school's published admission criteria.

The Local Authority has a legal duty to ensure that a place is made available for every Sutton child, whether this is at a school inside or outside the borough.

- If you have received an offer for a school that you did not apply for, the Local Authority has met its statutory responsibility for your child.
- If you have not yet been offered a school, we will continue to monitor your application to ensure that your child is offered a school place. However this may be at a school that you did not apply for, and may not be in the London Borough of Sutton.

We recognise this is an anxious time for you. These notes are intended to help you work out what you can do to get a place at a different school for your child.

Waiting lists

- Your child's name has automatically been added to the waiting lists for all the schools that you named as a preference on your application form, for which your child is eligible. However, you are also advised to apply for other schools within the London Borough of Sutton and for schools in the surrounding local authorities, and you should do this by letting Sutton's School Admissions Team know by emailing suttonadmissions@cognus.org.uk with your revised preference order
- Parents who have been offered a school place for their child have until 16 March to accept or decline that offer. Every year, some parents decline their offer and this creates vacancies to be offered to other children. We will start to make further offers to fill these vacancies from the week beginning the 23 March. It is therefore important that you act quickly to get on to the waiting lists of additional schools in order to maximise your child's chances of being offered a school place. **Failure to add your child's name to other schools' waiting lists now may mean that your child will miss out on an offer that they might be eligible for.**
- There is no guarantee that a place will become available at one of the schools you initially applied for. Considering other schools now **will not affect your child's waiting list position** for more preferred schools but it does increase your opportunity of being offered a place at a school that you would be willing to consider. As many schools allocate places on distance, you are encouraged to put your child's name on the waiting list for each of the schools that they would have been eligible for under the distance criteria, had you initially applied to them.
- Whilst distance sometimes seems a barrier to attending a particular school, it is often the case that a journey on public transport can be quite straightforward, and as such you are recommended to use the journey planner on google maps (www.google.co.uk/maps) to check the travelling time and route. For your information, Department for Education guidelines indicate that the maximum journey time that a child of secondary school age can be expected to travel to school is 75 minutes each way.

Schools with possible vacancies

It is our duty to let you know of those schools which may have vacancies so that you can decide whether or not you wish to apply for them. If you are interested in applying for any of these schools please indicate it on your reply slip or let Sutton's School Admissions Team know by emailing suttonadmissions@cognus.org.uk with your revised preference order

The following Sutton schools have a small number of vacancies or no waiting list:

Oaks Park High School
Overton Grange School

We have, also been advised that the following out-borough schools currently have/may have vacancies or short waiting lists:

Croydon

Meridian High School
Fairchildes Avenue
New Addington
Croydon CR0 0AH
Tel: 01689 842545
www.meridianhigh.london

St Mary's Catholic High School
Woburn Road
Croydon
CR9 2EE
Tel: 020 8686 3837
www.st-maryshigh.croydon.sch.uk/

Orchard Park High School
Orchard Way
Shirley
Croydon CR0 7NJ
Tel: 020 8776 0220
www.orchardparkhigh.co.uk

Virgo Fidelis Convent Senior School (Girls)
147 Central Hill
Upper Norwood
SE19 1RS
Tel: 020 8670 6917
www.virgofidelis.org.uk/

Harris Invictus Academy Croydon
London Road
Croydon
CR0 2TB
Tel: 020 3371 3002
<http://www.harrisinvictus.org.uk>

The Quest Academy
Farnborough Avenue
South Croydon
CR2 8HD
Tel: 020 8657 8935
www.thequestacademy.org.uk/

Thomas More School
Russell Hill Road
Purley
CR8 2XP
Tel: 020 8668 6251
www.tmore.org.uk

Shirley High School
Shirley Church Road
Croydon
CR0 5EF
Tel: 020 8656 9755
<https://www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk/>

Kingston

Chessington Community College
Garrison Lane
Chessington
Surrey KT9 2JS
Tel: 020 8974 1156
www.chessingtoncommunitycollege.co.uk/

Surrey

Epsom & Ewell High School
Ruxley Lane
West Ewell
Surrey KT19 9JW
Tel: 020 8974 0400
www.epsomandewellhighschool.com/

Merton

Raynes Park High School
Bushey Road, Raynes Park
London SW20 0JL
Tel: 020 8946 4112
www.rphs.org.uk/

St Mark's Church of England Academy
Acacia Road, Mitcham
Surrey, CR4 1SF
Tel: 020 8648 6627
www.stmarksacademy.com/