

Secondary Ready



To Do:

- Check the Mayor of London's website to see schools in your area.
- Consider question you might want to ask.
- Attend open days for schools you are interested in or that are local.
- Discuss with your child what they would like in a secondary school.

TO DO NEXT YEAR:

- Take your child on tours of the schools you are interested in.
- Check the school's admission policies for criteria etc.
- Make your application via your Local Authority or if required directly to the school



Timeline

- Most schools hold their open days in September.
- You will need to make your choice of 6 schools (online via Southwark's website) by the end of October 2020.
- You will be notified by email in March with an offer.



Our Role

Before Application

- We can be a springboard for you to bounce concerns off of.
- We can write references (sent by the school) for selective institutions.
- We can talk about what we think your child would benefit from.
- As part of the annual review process of children with EHCP's we will discuss secondary placement.
- Supporting children through the transition process in school.

After Acceptance

- We will liaise with Secondary staff to notify them of any concerns around transition.
- We will transfer information to the new school such as records and assessments.

We Can't

- Help with financial applications for independent schools
- Coach for selective school exams
- Pick a school for you



How can you help your child

- Be open minded about schools- explore all of the options in your area
- Think about what you are saying in front of your child- do not give negative impressions of other schools (even if it is not the one you pick)
- Don't make a big deal out of this– it's a natural transition process
- Find practical opportunities to develop resilience (sleepovers, walking solo, responsibilities at home & school residential etc.)
- Encouraging children to take personal responsibility (PE kits, clubs etc.)

