

## What happens next?

Staff from secondary schools will make contact with Red Gates. They may come to visit your child and speak to staff. This supports in making an informed decision about whether their setting would be able to meet your child's needs appropriately.

In February you should receive an updated EHCP, via e-mail, naming your child's secondary placement.

In the summer term we host meetings; attended by staff from Red Gates, your child's new school and families, to share information about your child and to ensure a smooth transition.

## How will Red Gates help to prepare my child for their transition?

Red Gates staff work closely with secondary settings to arrange comprehensive transition packages. Year 6 pupils will engage in transition visits to their new school, providing opportunities to:

- Have a tour of the school and familiar themselves with the building.
- Meet staff that will be supporting them when they start in Year 7.
- Join in some lessons as a taster of what being at their new school will be like.

Social stories are created to support children in knowing what will happen during their transition visits. These will be read in school and can also be sent home.



## Transitioning to secondary school

What families need to know

[secondarytransition@redgates.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:secondarytransition@redgates.croydon.sch.uk)

## How and when do I apply for a secondary school placement?

During your child's Year 5 annual review you will be given advice on the type of school that your child will need in order to meet the needs outlined in their EHCP.

You will also be given a list of schools for you to consider.

During the summer term the local authority will send you a preference form for you to list up to three schools; in order of preference.

The deadline for secondary applications to be completed and returned is the end of August.

Details of where to send your form will be outlined on the application form.

Prior to naming your preferred schools it is incredibly important to visit any potential school first to ensure that they are able to meet your child's needs.

Visit schools websites to get a feel for what they are able to offer their pupils. Websites will include information about:

- Curriculum offer
- Learner pathways
- Therapy input
- School policies

Schools will hold open mornings/evenings for families to view the school and ask questions.

Information about individual school's open events will be posted on their website. Alternatively you can call or email the school to enquire about when these will be held.

## What can Red Gates help me with?

During the Spring term we host a transition information session for families of children in Years 4 & 5. Where you will be given further information about the transition process.

Application forms will be sent via e-mail.

- We can print these if you would like to complete by hand.
- We can translate these into alternative languages.

Please let us know if you would like help filling in the information needed to complete your application form.