



We Work Together To Succeed

**A SOUTH NORWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
GUIDE TO :**

**Admission to primary school
2008 / 2009**

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Dear Parent/Carer

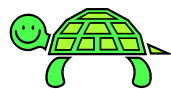
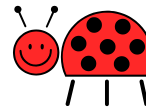
I hope that you will find this leaflet of help as you consider a school for your child. It can be a confusing time and there are very many different things to think about:

Will my child be happy at the school?



What are the other children and staff like?

How will my child be without me at school?



What will happen if my child feels unwell?

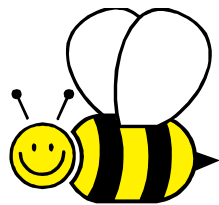
With so many other children, how will the school make sure that my child makes progress?

The questions are endless and the above include many questions that I myself asked when my own sons started school. It is natural to have these concerns and we do everything we can to ensure that your child not only has a happy start to the school in Reception, but continues to flourish as he/she progresses through South Norwood Primary School.

Our motto: "We Work Together To Succeed", was chosen by our children. We place great emphasis on all members of the school community working together in a most supportive and aspirational learning environment.

If we can help you in any way during this time, please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs Della Williams
Headteacher



HOW IS YOUR CHILD ALLOCATED A PLACE AT A SCHOOL?

Detailed information can be found in the Croydon Council booklet: 'Admission To Primary School 2008/2009'. The following is a summary of the key points:

- In Croydon, your child can start primary school during the Autumn term of the school year in which your child reaches the age of 5;
- The law requires school admission authorities to meet parental preference of school if possible, but the borough make the final decision based on the selection criteria (see *below*);
- On your completed Application Form, you can state a preference for up to 4 different schools. It must be returned to Croydon by 19th December 2007, with two pieces of evidence of the address where your child resides. You must list your 4 schools in order of preference.
- The admissions criteria for Community Schools in Croydon (of which South Norwood Primary is one) is as follows:
 - 1 'Looked-After' Children (children in public care);
 - 2 Siblings (brothers and sisters living at the same address);
 - 3 Medical Cases (serious medical reasons, where attending a particular school is essential);
 - 4 Geography (the shortest reasonable walking route from the child's home to the school);
- On the 20th March 2008, offers of places are posted. If successful, you will receive an offer of one place. If unsuccessful, you will be able to put your child's name on the waiting list for your preferred school(s).
- You can appeal if you have been unsuccessful. Further information can be found in the Admission to Primary School 2008/2009 booklet.

Please note that the admissions criteria for Foundation and Voluntary Aided Schools are different. Please see the Admissions Booklet for further information.



Autumn Term 2007

Visit schools and decide which you feel would be the most appropriate for your child.

By 19th December 2007

Send your completed Application Form to Croydon's Education Department at the address on the form or online.

20th March 2008

Letters will be posted by Croydon LA informing you of the outcome of your application.

April 2008

If you have been offered a place at South Norwood Primary, we will contact you to welcome you to our school and give you dates of when you and your child can visit.

Please note that 'Closing' and 'Offer' dates differ in other Local Authorities. Please read the Admissions Booklet for further information.

