

# Transferring to Secondary School

Guidance for Parents & Carers

# Pan-London Co-ordination

- All London boroughs and some of the surrounding boroughs participate
- Around 90,000 children applying across London; over 20,000 apply to schools outside their own borough
- Parents receive no more than one offer on 1 March

# The strong performance of Merton secondary schools

- The average Progress 8 score for Merton schools makes them the best in the country.
- Attainment is well above national averages.
- All Merton secondary schools are judged to be good or outstanding by Ofsted.

# Making Applications

- Obtain school prospectuses, visit school websites and go to open evenings
- Consider your likely chances of success
- Use all 6 preferences – include Merton schools and any out-borough schools on the same application
- Apply online
- Don't use false addresses!

# Deadlines

- 31 October is a national closing date
- Changes of address can be considered up to 11 December
- Deadlines for supplementary forms or test registrations may be different – check with the schools you are applying for

# How the Offer Process Works

- Schools do not know your preference order
- Applications are ranked solely according to the admissions criteria for the school
- If you are eligible for more than one school, the higher preference of these will be offered
- Those who are not eligible for any of their preferences will receive an alternative offer

# After Offer Day

- If you don't get your first preference school, don't panic
- Read the outcome text fully
- Don't reject an offer without an alternative school place secured
- Remain on waiting lists
- Appeal for preferred schools

# 2019 In Numbers

- 64% of Merton parents received a first preference offer
- 86% received one of their top three preferences
- 93% received one of their six preferences



# Help & Support

- Information about the admissions process is available from your home authority website. For Merton this can be found at [www.merton.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.merton.gov.uk/admissions)
- Detailed enquiries which cannot be answered from the website information may be made to Merton on 020 8274 4906 or [admissions@merton.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@merton.gov.uk)