



Children, Young People and Learning Cabinet Member Bulletin Councillor Alisa Flemming NOVEMBER 2016

DELIVERING OUR AMBITIONS

Record Voting Numbers Select Legacy As Name For Croydon's New Youthzone

Croydon's new £6m facility, the OnSide Youth Zone, has been given its official name 'Legacy', after a record number of local young people voted for the name. The new brand was officially unveiled at an event in the Council's community space on Tuesday 18 October.



Legacy will open in 2018 in a new building on Whitehorse Road in Thornton Heath. The project is funded by the Council alongside donations from charitable trusts and grants, businesses and individuals, which are secured by the OnSide charity. The facility will have 20 activities available and be open to any young person from 8 to 19, or up to 25 for those with a disability. For a £5 membership fee sessions will cost just 50p per day.

Young people from Croydon and across London hosted and presented the launch evening, which also featured talks from the project's chair, Kay Andrews. Introducing the evening was 18-year-old Chinelo Chizea. She talked about how a group of 40 local young people and volunteers had got together and worked for weeks on developing ideas for the centre's name and logo. They had also visited the Wigan Youth Zone to see how it operated. Chinelo said: "It was really amazing, we took part in loads of activities, and the staff were totally committed to helping the young people who use the centre."

The aim of the joint venture between the Council and OnSide is to raise aspirations, enhance prospects and improve health and well-being for young people in Croydon.

Reception and Junior Admissions 2017

As a reminder, the admissions process is now live and the application deadline is **15 January 2017**.

We recommend that parents and carers apply online at www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions. The webpage contains all the information needed to apply for a place.

Offers will be made on 18 April 2017.

Secondary Transfer 2017

The application deadline was **31 October 2016**.



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We encourage any parents/carers who have not applied to make a late application as soon as possible. If there are exceptional reasons for missing the deadline, parents/carers should write to us before 10 December setting out their reasons why their application was late. If agreed by a panel, then these applications will be treated as if they had been received before 31 October. All other late applications will be considered after national offer day.

We recommend that parents and carers continue to apply online after the deadline at www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions

Offers will be made to on time applicants on 1 March 2017.

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LATEST NEWS

Support for Calais Children

In recent weeks, the clearance of the jungle in Calais has meant that hundreds of children have entered the UK. They have all been initially brought in through Croydon and over 350 children have already arrived through Lunar House (we are expecting around 400 more).

Staff across the whole of Children's Services, and in particular the Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Team, have been working tirelessly with staff from the Home Office to support their arrival. This has included working evenings and weekends where necessary, and 6 of our Social Workers also have been working in France to support the Home Office undertake assessments of the children in advance of their arrival in the UK.

The work has shown Croydon in a really positive light at national Government level, as shown by the following comment from London Council's Chief Executive, John O'Brien –

In particular, the team at the London Borough of Croydon have had to be ready to help the passage of large numbers of children through their point of entry in the Borough and on to where they will be placed. When some of those placements don't materialise, Croydon has had to be the back stop.

It is humbling to observe officers in our member councils working round the clock on these issues with such resilience, enterprise and compassion



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This really has been a brilliant 'one team' effort; I would like to pass on a huge thank you to all the teams involved and am delighted that the unaccompanied minors team is to be awarded a 2016 Special Recognition Award at the Croydon Council Awards for their hard work in supporting the operation to receive the migrant children arriving from Calais.

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2017 LGC Awards

I am delighted that Croydon Children's Services have been shortlisted for an award in the 2017 Local Government Chronicle Awards:

- A Partnership approach to tackling Domestic and Sexual Violence in Croydon

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Consultation on proposed Admission Arrangements for community schools

In accordance with the School Admissions Code, December 2014. Croydon Council is now commencing the consultation on our proposed Admission Arrangements for community schools for the 2018/19 academic year and the primary and Secondary Fair Access protocols. This consultation period will run from 10 November until 22 December.

This consultation seeks stakeholders' views on the 2018/19 proposed admission arrangements in Croydon.

All comments or feedback are welcomed and must be received no later than 22 December 2016.

The documents listed below can be found on our website: <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/education/schools-new/statnotice-consult/consultation>

- Croydon Consultation Document on the proposed admission arrangements including information on how to submit your views
- Questionnaire - Annex A
- Proposed Admissions Arrangements for Admissions in 2018/19 - Annex B
- Proposed Waiting List Request Form – Annex C
- Proposed Primary and Secondary Co-ordinated Schemes for Admission to School in 2018/19 - Annex D & E
- Proposed Primary and Secondary Fair Access Protocols - Annex F & G
- Poster for display

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Saffron Valley PRUs

Following full consultation with all stakeholders, the proposed amalgamation of the Saffron Valley PRUs has been approved by delegation (as agreed by Cabinet in July).

We will shortly be publishing the consultation outcomes report on the Council website and it will be circulated to all schools via the Schools Bulletin.

Stakeholders will be informed of the outcome of the consultation and thanked for their contribution via the Senior Leadership Team at Saffron Valley.

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Free Schools approved by the Department for Education

On 16 September, The Education Secretary - Justine Greening - announced 1 further free school to open in Croydon.

Therefore Croydon has a total of five Free Schools in the pre-opening stage.

School Place Planning

The next version of Croydon's School Place Planning Strategy will be considered by Cabinet in January 2017. This will include the borough's latest school place planning projections and all proposed plans (including the school listed above) to meet demand for mainstream primary, secondary and special educational needs places across the borough.

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