

Appendix 6:Explanation of Fair Access Process and breakdown of school referrals.

The School Admissions code requires each Local Authority to agree a fair access protocol with the majority of schools in its area to ensure that the most vulnerable children are found a place in a school without delay. The code instructs Local Authorities that the list of children considered under the protocol should be agreed locally but must include the following that can have difficulty obtaining a school place

- a) children from the criminal justice system or Pupil Referral Units who need to be reintegrated into mainstream education;
- b) children who have been out of education for two months or more;
- c) children of Gypsies, Roma, Travellers, refugees and asylum seekers;
- d) children who are homeless;
- e) children with unsupportive family backgrounds for whom a place has not been sought;
- f) children who are carers; and
- g) children with special educational needs, disabilities or medical conditions (but without a statement or Education, Health and Care Plan)

Cases presented at Secondary Fair Access Panel by School in 2017/18

309 pupil referrals were considered by the Fair Access Panel during the 2017/18 academic year. 101 cases were presented at panel as pupils requiring school places who were unable to be placed though the normal admissions procedures

When cases were presented at panel by schools in 2017/18 they were considered under the following categories:

- A. Avoidance. Cases were presented in this category when a pupil was at risk of permanent exclusion
- B. Prevention. Cases were presented in this category when it was judged by the school that a pupil would benefit from a fresh start in another setting
- C. Breakdown. Cases were presented in this category when placement previously agreed at the Fair Access Panel had not been successful.

In 2017/18 115 cases were presented by schools under the avoidance category; 79 cases were under the category of prevention; and 14 were placement breakdowns.

The following table gives the number of cases presented by Croydon secondary schools in each category during the 2017/18 academic year.

Secondary Fair Access - Referrals and Offers 2017/18

Croydon Establishment	No. of Offers	No. of Referrals
Archbishop Lanfranc	7	8
Archbishop Tenison	3	1
Beckmead CLT (AP)	9	0
BRIT School	0	0
CACFO (AP)	0	2
Coloma Convent	0	0
Harris Crystal Palace	0	3
Harris Invictus	2	12
Harris Purley	12	4
Harris South Norwood	17	20
John Ruskin	1	0
Meridian High School	9	21
Norbury Manor BEC	9	2
Oasis Academy Arena	10	10
Oasis Academy Coulsdon	4	8
Oasis Academy Shirley Park	8	7
Orchard Park	12	19
Riddlesdown Collegiate	15	8
Shirley High School	8	4
St Andrews	33	19
St Joseph's	6	5
St Mary's Catholic	10	6
Saffron Valley (AP)	72	38
The Quest Academy	10	13
Thomas More Catholic	4	3
Virgo Fidelis	14	3
Woodcote High	12	3