

Just as there are different types of primary schools, so there are a number of different types of secondary schools. The actual type of school may not affect your decision on whether or not to send your child there, but it will certainly affect how you apply for a place there.

Make sure that you look at the admissions policy of the school on their website. It should explain clearly if, for example, they require additional forms to be completed for that school and the criteria by which places are allocated.

Slide 3 – map

Page 10 of the booklet illustrates the location of the Enfield secondary schools, but also states what type of school it is and whether supplementary forms are required. It also tells you when the open evenings are.

Slide 5 – list of schools and status

Really important that you look at each individual school website. Lea Valley, for example, states no SIF required, yet on their website it clearly states that you do need one!

Slide 6 – admissions criteria

St George's, for example, has an admission limit of 90. We generally receive 120+ applications- can't offer everyone a place. Different schools have different rules about what order those places are offered. Familiarise yourself with the different policies of the schools you are interested in.

Slide 9 – selective schools

Results are published in time so that you know if your child has been successful or not. Prepare for the worst, hope for the best. If your child does not meet the required standard in their selection test, you will not have time to begin your research and you will have probably missed most of the open evenings. Prepare for this eventuality.

Slide 10 – what can Enfield parents....

One application regardless of the type of school, then if the school has asked for a SIF, you must complete one for each individual school.

Stress date!

You are allowed 6 preferences (note Herts = 4) – you can still apply for 6 schools, but only 4 can be Herts schools. You apply through Enfield, not Herts. The rule for SIF still applied, though

Equal consideration – the school will not know if you've put them third, for example

Late applications – stress date 31 October (allocations emailed on 1 March 2019)

Slide 12 - How to Apply

Clearly explained in booklet. Parents must have an email address!

You can set up your account now, don't wait until you have seen the schools. Give yourself plenty of time.

There is a link set up on our school website.