

## Exploratory Workshops

### A Supporting Parents

- ◆ How can we equip parents to better support their children?
- ◆ How do we promote good relations between parents and teachers?
- ◆ Lifelong learning for parents

### B Engaging Communities

- ◆ What can voluntary and community sector groups contribute?
- ◆ What is the impact of supplementary schools?
- ◆ How can Schools support and involve voluntary organisations?

### C Focus on Fathers and Men

- ◆ How do we engage fathers and men in the development of boys?
- ◆ Does mentoring work?

### D Transition to Secondary School

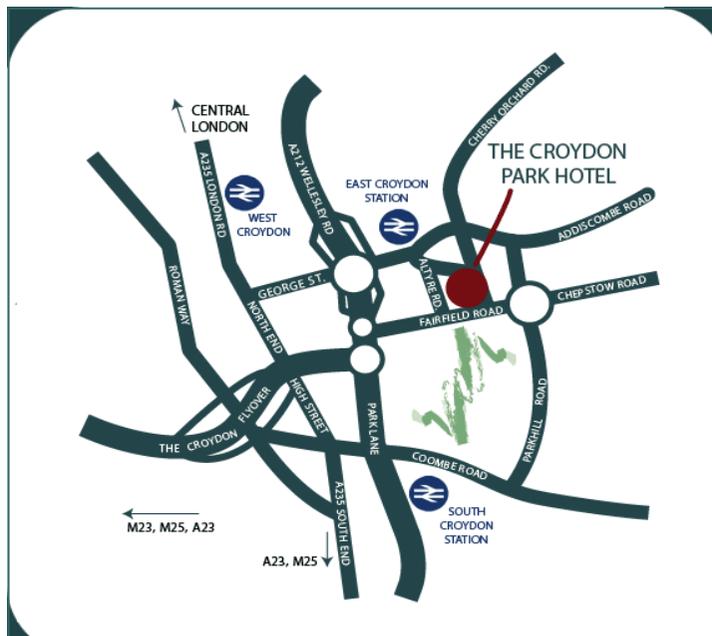
- ◆ How do we ensure a smooth transition?
- ◆ Maintaining standards and behavior from primary to secondary Schools.

## How to Book

Please call or email Croydon BME Forum to confirm your attendance and workshop.

**Tel:** 020 8684 3719  
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**Places are Limited.**



**Croydon Park Hotel**

## CROYDON BME FORUM

Giving black and minority ethnic people a voice in Croydon

EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2009

**BME**  
**EVERY CHILD MATTERS**



Inclusion Aspiration Achievement

**Saturday 28th March 2009**

10am — 4.30pm

**Croydon Park Hotel**

7 Altyre Road  
 Croydon, CR9

**FREE ENTRY**



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## EVERY CHILD MATTERS

This conference aims to bring together parents, teachers, voluntary sector organisations, education decision makers, and other key stakeholders. We will be focusing on raising attainment amongst black and minority ethnic children in Croydon schools.

- ◆ What good practice is out there?
- ◆ How can our schools best deliver to the whole needs of the child?
- ◆ What are the roles of the wider community, employers and the Third Sector?

These are some of the critical questions we hope will be addressed on the day.



parents: voices to be heard

### Who should attend?

- ◆ BME Parents
- ◆ Teachers, School Managers and Head Teachers
- ◆ Councillors
- ◆ Education decision makers
- ◆ Voluntary and community sector organizations
- ◆ School Governors



### The context

The *Croydon Schools and the Black Child* conference was held in 2003. Over 300 parents, teachers and other stakeholders attended. Six years on, we know that education continues to be the key priority for BME communities. We now want to examine progress since then, and areas where further improvements are needed.

This year's conference comes at a crucial time. Nationally, the debate about building schools of the future is underway. This discussion is replicated locally, coupled with the development of a 30-year vision for the borough. It is therefore a crucial time for all stakeholders to come together to reflect on the future.

The conference will give voice to parents and place the needs of black and minority ethnic children on the agenda in Croydon, encouraging joined-up thinking and **action** in raising their attainment. We hope that it will address gaps in services by encouraging networking, partnerships and collaboration between schools, the community, voluntary sectors providers and the statutory sector.

**Croydon BME Forum is the umbrella body for Croydon's black and minority voluntary and community sector organisations, building capacity, involving people and promoting community cohesion.**