

## Proposed Closure of Virgo Fidelis Convent Senior School from August 2021

Notice is given in accordance with the Department for Education's statutory guidance 'Opening and Closing Maintained Schools' (November 2019) that Virgo Fidelis Convent Senior School's Interim Executive Board (IEB), in consultation with Croydon Council and the Archdiocese of Southwark are proposing to close Virgo Fidelis Convent Senior School from August 2021.

Virgo Fidelis Convent Senior School is situated at 147 Central Hill, Upper Norwood, London, SE19 1RT.

The majority of the buildings estate needed for a viable 11-16 secondary school is unfit for purpose and in poor repair (these portions of the estate are currently out of use); the pupil roll has fallen consistently over the past several years; and the school budget has been in deficit over the past several years with the school now in significant debt. As a consequence of the above, as well as other factors, the school is increasingly hampered in its capacity to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum.

This notice is an extract from the complete proposal which can be viewed at [www.croydon.gov.uk/getinvolved](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/getinvolved). Copies of the full proposal can also be obtained from Croydon Council at: School Place Planning Team, 2nd Floor Zone D, Bernard Weatherill House, 8 Mint Walk, Croydon, CR0 1EA. Or via Email: [school.org@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:school.org@croydon.gov.uk)

Within four weeks of the date of publication of this statutory notice, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to the School Place Planning Team, 2nd Floor Zone D, Bernard Weatherill House, 8 Mint Walk, Croydon, CR0 1EA or Email: [school.org@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:school.org@croydon.gov.uk)

**Due to COVID-19, the majority of staff are currently working from home and therefore we encourage responses to be submitted electronically either via the online questionnaire or by email where possible.**

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**Responses must be received by Thursday 10 December 2020 at 5pm (4 weeks from publication date).**

Signed:

Interim Director of Education  
Croydon Council