

FAQs

Does my child have to speak German to be able to start at the German Saturday School Croydon?

The German Saturday School Croydon aims to support children who are raised bilingually – usually with German as their second language - in the UK. Children are encouraged to speak German and we discover and celebrate cultural aspects of life in German speaking countries throughout the school year (e.g. lantern making at St. Martin). German is spoken exclusively by teachers and helpers during lessons and break times and it is therefore essential that children are familiar with spoken German from their home environment. The lessons are not suitable for children from non-bilingual backgrounds who would learn German as a foreign language.

At what age can my child start at the German Saturday School Croydon?

Our youngest children start from the age of 3 or 4 years old – usually the year prior to their Reception year in the English school system. Older children (up to the age of 18) can also start at any point and will be admitted to one of the higher classes depending on their age and level of ability.

Can you take German GCSE or A-Level exams at the German Saturday School Croydon?

We support students who are working towards their German GCSE or A-Level exams within the English school system. On average our students take these exams a couple of years earlier than they normally would within the English system. We therefore advise parents to talk to their child's secondary school as early as possible and familiarise themselves with their school's requirements. Our teachers will be happy to assist parents and answer questions also. The actual exams have to be taken at the student's own English school as the German Saturday School Croydon is not licensed as an exam centre.

I am not sure if the German Saturday School Croydon is the right place for my child. Could they do a trial lesson?

Of course we want all our students and parents to feel comfortable and enjoy our learning environment. Please speak to the one of the management team and we will be happy to arrange a trial lesson for your child to help you decide if we're the right place for you. Parents are welcome to stay with younger children during the trial lesson but are just as welcome to join other parents or carers in the cafeteria for a chat.

Is there a waiting list?

Our school is very popular which is wonderful. Unfortunately this may mean that entry into a specific year group may not be possible immediately. Our waiting list gives everybody the opportunity to start at a later stage.

When and where do lessons take place?

Our lessons follow the English school calendar with a total of 30 lessons throughout the academic year. We use the rooms of our host school Archbishop Tenison's CE High School (see [Kontakt & Anfahrt](#)). For school Saturdays during the current term please go to [Unterrichtstermine](#) on our website.

Can I park my car at the school?

Families and staff may use the school car park during school hours only. Parking permits are issued and should be clearly displayed on the dashboard upon entering the school. Parking is at the vehicle owner's risk. There is on the road parking available on Selborne Road, however, please note that parking fees apply.

What are the fees?

Information on current fees of the German Saturday School Croydon can be found under [Anmeldung/Gebühren](#).

How can I apply?

The easiest way to sign up is by filling in our online registration form. Please go to [Anmeldung/Anmeldeformular](#).