



**AMBITION & OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL**  
**THE FITZWIMARC SCHOOL**

**ADMISSIONS POLICY**  
**ACADEMIC YEAR 2027/2028**

# DETERMINED ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2027/2028

In accordance with the requirements of current legislation, I write to provide you with the details of the admissions criteria which FitzWimarc School will apply to applications for admission in Academic Year 2027/2028.

## ADMISSIONS POLICY ACADEMIC YEAR 2027/28

Applications must be made in accordance with the co-ordinated scheme published by the child's home Local Authority. This applies to applications for admission to Year 7 in the normal admission round and to in-year applications for any year group. The application procedure for children resident in Essex is detailed in the Secondary Education in Essex booklet.

When applications for admission exceed the number of places we have available, after the admission of pupils with Statements of Special Educational Needs or Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) where FitzWimarc is named in the Statement or Plan, the following criteria will be applied in order of priority:

1. Looked after children (see note a), as defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989;
2. Where a child lives within the existing priority admissions area (see map available from our school office);
3. When, though living outside the priority admissions area, the child has a sibling already attending FitzWimarc (see note b);
4. Where the child lives outside the priority admissions area but attends one of the partner primary schools (Edward Francis Primary, Grove Wood Primary, Rayleigh Primary, Wyburns Primary)
5. Children of members of staff:
  - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made; and/or
  - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
6. Where a child lives outside the priority admissions area and does not satisfy the requirements of criteria 1 to 5 above but who demonstrate an aptitude in:
  - a) PE. Up to 6.7% (or 20 places) of the published admissions limit who demonstrate an aptitude for PE may be allocated according to the aptitude assessment results. The PE aptitude assessment will take place at The FitzWimarc School. Places will be allocated in rank order of aptitude scored in the assessment; or
  - b) Art. Up to 3.3% (or 10 places) of the published admissions limit who demonstrate an aptitude for art may be allocated according to the aptitude assessment results. The art aptitude assessments will take place at The FitzWimarc School. Places will be allocated in rank order of aptitude scored in the assessments.

Parents wishing their child to take one (or both) of the aptitude tests are required to complete the relevant Supplementary Information Form(s) (SIF). These can be obtained from the school or completed on the school website and must be returned to the school. Where two students are of equal ability, the one living nearer to the school would gain preference. A pass mark for the assessments will be set annually. No student will be admitted under the aptitude criteria scoring below this pass mark but may still be offered a place under criteria 7 below. If there are insufficient children who have satisfied the entry requirement for a selective place, then the places will be offered to other children in line with this policy. Students may apply to more than one aptitude assessment.

Where, after applying the above criteria, there remain unfilled places, those places will be allocated by the Governing Body in accordance with the following criteria:

7. Where the child's home is close to the FitzWimarc School, with those living nearer being accorded the higher priority (see note c).

## NOTES

- a) *A looked after child or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order (including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted). A looked after child is a child who is a) in the care of a local authority, or b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions*

- b) *A sibling is defined as a brother or sister (or a step brother/sister) of the applicant living at the same address who attends the school at the time of application with a reasonable expectation that he or she will still be attending at the time of the proposed admission.*
- c) *The home address is considered to be the address at which the child resides on a permanent basis. If the child lives at more than one address, it is the address of the parent/guardian who is in receipt of child benefit for that child that is considered as the home address. Verification may be required. All straight line distances are calculated by the Essex LA using their geographical information system as defined in the Secondary Education in Essex booklet.*

**The School's "Number Intended to Admit" is 300.**

In the event of over-subscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being awarded the highest priority.

Late applications will be dealt with in line with the agreed arrangements of the LA's co-ordinated admissions scheme.

## **APPEALS**

Unsuccessful applicants will have the right of appeal to an Independent Appeals panel which will meet on a specified date. In such instances, parents should e-mail [admissions@fitzwimarc.com](mailto:admissions@fitzwimarc.com). Appeals should be lodged within 20 school days of being refused a place. With applications made in the normal admissions round, appeals must be heard within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals.

## **LATE APPLICATIONS**

Applications received after the National Closing Date will be dealt with as detailed in the Secondary Education in Essex booklet for children resident in Essex. Children resident outside of Essex should refer to the process for handling late applications published by their home LA.

## **WAITING LIST**

A waiting list will be kept by Essex County Council until the end of the first week of the autumn term and thereafter by the school until the end of the first term. At that point parents still requiring that their child's name remains on the waiting list should inform the school.

## **ADMISSIONS TO SIXTH FORM**

Please refer to the Sixth Form Admissions Policy.