

Secondary School Admissions 2027

A short guide for parents

Is your child in year 5?

This guide is for residents living in the city of Southend-on-Sea with a child in year 5, due to transfer to year 7 in September 2027 and provides key information for transfer to state funded schools. Those living outside the administrative area of Southend are encouraged to refer to the guide by Essex County Council. Page 2 of this flyer provides details on the open evenings/events for schools in and out of the city.

Looking for information on how and when to apply for a secondary school place?

The secondary admissions booklet will be available on the Council website in the first week of July. This will give you all the details needed to apply. Applications can be made between 1 September and 31 October 2026. In the meantime, we provide you with the details for the open days/information events which are also published [here](#) and provided below.

What can I do now to prepare?

- you may find it informative to visit secondary schools. Keep in mind some school open days are in June and July but some are later in the year
- obtain prospectuses/information from school visits, school websites
- read the schools' admission criteria and consider the probability of admission based on allocations of previous years (booklet or school website)
- register with the Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex (CSSE) from 12 May to 19 June 2026 if you wish for your child to take the 11+ test
- register for selective admission in respect to aptitude in sport or in performing arts with The Eastwood Academy, when possible but before 1 September 2026 if you wish for your child to take the assessment
- access the council page for 11+ is [Southend 11 Plus](#) page has practice questions and more information such as grammar myth busters. This page also has further support for preparing for the test



What do I do when the applications open?

- Applications can only be submitted 1 September – 31 October 2026. During that time applications can be submitted [here](#).
- It is important that the child's name, surname and date of birth used to register with the CSSE can be matched to the application. Please use the same details to ensure the result for the 11+ can be matched to your child's application.
- keep a record of all your actions. For example, the username and password you use when you register online. Keep the same email as once you apply you can't change the email address.
- register and apply online between 1 September to 31 October 2026. The parent with whom the child lives, as the normal place of residence, and currently the majority of the school week, should make the application. One parent to register and apply on the Council website. The parent that submits the application can amend the application as many times as they wish up to 31 October 2026. You do not have to wait until you have the results of selection or aptitude tests
- if you register for the 11+, or any other assessment it is very important to use the same name and date of birth so that the information can be matched up. The same parent should complete the registration and the local authority application form. Please use the same name, surname and date of birth on the SIF as you will on the application form to support matching information between the school and the local authority.
- remember to register for any other aptitude tests, for example The Eastwood Academy and complete any Supplementary Information Forms for faith schools. A reminder to use the same name, surname and date of birth on all documentation so that we can link details.
- you can apply for schools in and out of the city on the Southend application as long as you are resident in the city. We recommend that one of your choices is your catchment school; it does not have to be your first preference
- we recommend that you use all 5 preferences when you apply

A reminder that parents/carers must apply to Southend Council if you are resident in the city and pay council tax to Southend Council. This is regardless of which primary/junior school your child attends.

What happens between the closing date and National offer day, 1 March 2027

Applications are processed, addresses, siblings and other details checked, applications are ranked per school. Files with other local authorities for schools outside the area are exchanged and applicants applying from other local authorities are processed. Offers are run several times, to ensure the highest offer. After multiple exchanges with other local authorities, offer processes are finalised and outcomes ready in time for 1 March 2027.



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Apply online between 1 September 2026 and 31 October 2026

The secondary schools in the city hold events for year 5 pupils and their parents/carers. This is for admission to year 7 in September 2027.

The dates and times listed below are as provided by the schools. If you have any enquiries about the arrangements for these events these should be directed to the school(s).

Parents may find visiting schools helpful, as well as looking at school websites and gathering more information before making an application in September/October. Parents may also find information due to be published in the first week of July helpful. A reminder once it is published will be sent out via primary schools.

| School | Date and Time |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Belfairs Academy | Thursday 25 June 2026, 4pm to 6pm |
| Cecil Jones Academy | Thursday 1 October 2026, details on school website |
| Chase High School | Wednesday 24 June 2026, 4pm to 7:30pm |
| Shoeburyness High School | Thursday 17 September 2026, 6pm to 8pm |
| Southchurch High School | Wednesday 1 July 2026, 5.30pm to 8pm Thursday 24 September 2026, 5.30pm to 8pm |
| Southend High School for Boys | Thursday 25 June 2026, 4:30pm to 8pm |
| Southend High School for Girls | Thursday 2 July 2026, 5pm to 8pm |
| St Bernard's High School | Thursday 9 July 2026, 5.30pm to 8.30pm |
| St Thomas More High School | Thursday 9 July 2026, 4pm to 7pm |
| The Eastwood Academy | Wednesday 24 June 2026, 5pm to 8pm |
| Westcliff High School for Boys | Tuesday 23 June 2026, 5pm to 9pm |
| Westcliff High School for Girls | Tuesday 30 June 2026, 5pm to 8pm |

Nearest Neighbouring Schools

| Essex School | Date and Time |
|------------------------|---|
| Castle View School | Check website |
| Cornelius Vermuyden | Check website |
| Lift Greensward | Thursday 1 October 2026, 6pm to 8pm |
| The Appleton School | Thursday 17 September 2026, details on school website |
| The Deanes School | Check website |
| The FitzWimarc School | Thursday 24 September 2026, details on school website |
| The King Edmund School | Wednesday 30 September 2026, 5pm to 7.30pm |
| The King John School | Saturday 5 September 2026, 9am to 1pm |
| The Sweyne Park School | Thursday 17 September 2026, 5/5.30pm to 8.30pm |



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