

WIGSTON ACADEMY

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Admissions Arrangements

Wigston Academy's admissions policy is determined by the Board of Trustees and is verified by Leicestershire County Council. Information and application forms can be completed online at www.leics.gov.uk/admissions. A paper copy can be requested from the school or by telephoning the Customer Service Centre on 0116 3056684.

Pupils are admitted at the age of 11+ without reference to ability or aptitude. The number of registered pupils at the school for the Spring census (2017) was 1,201. The number of intended admissions into Year 7 for the year commencing September 2017 will be 300. The capacity of the school is 1,393 pupils calculated according to Annex A of the Department of Education's circular 11/88 "Admission of Pupils to County and Voluntary Schools".

We also accept children mid-year into Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The following arrangements apply with respect to the admission of pupils to the school:-

1. Looked After Children will be given first priority as is the statutory requirement. A Looked After Child is one who is looked after by a local authority in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989.
2. Pupils resident in the catchment area as defined by the Local Authority.

Over subscription

Where applications for admissions exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which pupils to admit:-

Pupils outside the catchment area

3. where pupils have a brother or sister attending the school. "The term 'brother or sister' includes half brother or sister or legally adopted child being regarded as the brother or sister".
4. where there are special social or domestic grounds or serious medical conditions. Supporting documentation from a registered professional would be required.
5. pupils attending local feeder primary schools for two years.
6. pupils transferring to Wigston Academy who will have an older brother or sister already attending Wigston College.
7. pupils who live nearest to the school by direct line using a computerised measuring system.

Waiting List

The school operates a waiting list which is held for one academic year. If spaces become available they will be allocated to the child's parent/s who has previously expressed an interest in a place at the school, including any whose appeals have been unsuccessful. This list is ranked based on the school's oversubscription criteria. In a very few cases, it may not be possible to decide between the applications of those pupils who are the final qualifiers for a place (e.g. children who live at the same address (flats) or have the same distance measurement). If there is no other way of separating the applications and if to admit both or all of the children would cause the legal limit to be exceeded, then the child (or children) who will be offered the place(s) will be randomly selected by drawing lots.

Late Applications

Late applications will have the lowest priority and will be dealt with in accordance with the local authority's coordinated admissions scheme.

General

The school will agree any changes to its admissions arrangements with the Secretary of State for Education. It will establish arrangements for appeals against non-admission which will include an independent element. Details of admissions and appeals arrangements will be published each year by the Admissions Service at Leicestershire County Council in the 'Your Guide' publication which is also available online at www.leics.gov.uk/admissions.

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