



10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Transition to Secondary Schools

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following on from the information we shared with you last term (this information can still be found on our [website](#)), I am writing to keep you informed of the next stage of the process in finding the right secondary school for your child.

### *Applications for Secondary Schools*

The admissions round for transfer to year 7 opened on 1st September. The closing date for the completed form to be received by The Schools' Admission Team (either online or by paper copy) is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. Please remember that **everyone has to complete this form**, regardless of which school you would like your child to go to. It is worth noting that at no point do any of the application processes operate a first come first served policy. It makes no difference if you apply on the first day or the last day. You can also change your choices up until the deadline. Full details and copies of everything published by Southend Council are available on their [website](#).

### *11+ Test*

The 11+ (selection test) will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September. If you have registered your child for the 11+, CSSE will send you all the details you need for taking the test, the day, the time and relevant registration details.

As part of our familiarisation programme, we are offering **the children who are taking the test** an opportunity to sit a 'mock' test on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September under similar conditions to the one they will experience. Please note that papers will not be marked or returned to parents but we will spend a couple of sessions going through parts of the papers to help build their confidence ahead of the test. This is primarily meant for children who are taking the test and haven't had the opportunity to sit a mock test. If your child has had extensive support for the 11+ then we suggest they don't sit this mock as they may be repeating papers they have already completed.

**If your child is taking the test** and you would like them to take part in the mock test, please complete the form by following this [link](#) before 4pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September. This online form must be completed if you would like your child to take part.

The results of the 11+ will come out on 14<sup>th</sup> October which is before the closing date for school applications.

### *Choosing A Secondary School*

We strongly encourage you to visit schools to help inform your decision about which school you would like your child to attend. As well as open evenings where you can visit the school in person, some schools also have dedicated areas on their website where you can attend a virtual tour. Please check individual school's websites for the latest information.

If you have any questions or need support completing the forms, please do not hesitate to ring the school office and I will return your call.

Yours sincerely

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