

# THE SWEYNE PARK SCHOOL

## Welcome to The Sweyne Park School

Key Information for families

Open Evening 2023



Welcome to the Sweyne Park School. I very much hope that this booklet will provide you with some useful information. We are proud of our school and, our pupils. The average ability of pupils on intake is broadly in line with national average. However, **our pupil outcomes on key attainment measures are regularly higher than the national average, including the percentage of pupils gaining the new English Baccalaureate qualification.** Details can be found in the 'Pupil Outcome Data' section of this booklet. Destinations on leaving Sweyne Park are also impressive and included in this information pack is a list of Year 13 leavers' destinations for 2023.

Katharine Dines  
Headteacher

# How to Apply

The administration of admissions for September 2024 is organised centrally by the local authority.

If you live in **Essex**, you should apply via Essex County Council. Their website for school admissions is [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). This provides access to:

- The secondary school admissions brochure. It is highly recommended that families read this document, which provides a lot of information about the application process.
- The priority admissions area (catchment) postcode finder. This enables you to find out definitively which school's priority admission area you live in.
- An application form. Most applications are made online, although you can also apply by post using a form that can be downloaded from the website. In either case, ensure that you have received confirmation that your application has been received either by email or letter.

You can contact the admissions team at Essex County Council by email to [admissions@essex.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@essex.gov.uk).

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If you live in **Southend**, you should apply via Southend Borough Council. Their website for school admissions is [www.southend.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.southend.gov.uk/school-admissions). This provides access to:

- The secondary admissions booklet. It is highly recommended that families read this document, which provides a lot of information about the application process.
- An application form. Most applications are made online, although you can also apply by post using a form that can be requested from Southend Borough Council. In either case, ensure that you have received confirmation that your application has been received either by email or letter.

You can contact the admissions team at Southend Borough Council by email to [admissions@southend.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@southend.gov.uk) or by phone on 01702 212937.

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Whether you live in Essex or Southend, your application must be received by your local authority by **31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2023**. This is a national deadline. Applications received after this date will only be considered when all on-time applicants have been allocated places.

# A Rights Respecting School, A Thoughtful School

We believe our pupils' success is due to our very clear focus on:

- A **positive school culture** that emphasises **respect, high expectations** and creates a **safe and happy environment** in which to learn.
- **high quality of teaching** (we are always fully staffed with qualified teachers)
- a well-planned and sequenced **curriculum**
- a **wide range of pupil support** and mentoring strategies
- a variety of **motivating curriculum enrichment activities**
- **close liaison with parents**
- having **excellent resources**

We are very proud to have been the first secondary school in the East of England to have achieved the Rights Respecting Gold Award, with which we were reaccredited in December 2022. We continue to work hard to ensure the rights of children are enshrined in all that we do.



In the interest of sustainability, we are working hard to reduce the amount of paper we use and therefore have made the decision to refer families to electronic copies of all relevant school policies and procedures. They can now be viewed online via our website at [www.sweynepark.com](http://www.sweynepark.com). This includes:

- Key Policies
- Year 6 Transition
- The Sweyne Park Times

Please do not hesitate to contact the school in person should you require any further information.

# ADMISSIONS POLICY 2024-2025

The school's published admission number is 270 pupils for entry in Year 7.

If the school is not oversubscribed, all applicants will be offered a place.

When applications exceed the number of places we have available, and after the admission of pupils with Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs) where The Sweyne Park is named in the EHCP, the following criteria will be applied in this order:

1. Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children
2. Children living in the priority admission area with a sibling attending the school
3. Other children living in the priority admission area
4. Children living outside the priority admission area with a sibling attending the school
5. Children of teaching and non-teaching staff who have been:
  - a. employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application for the school place; or
  - b. recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage
6. Children attending other schools within the Rayleigh Schools Trust<sup>1</sup>.
7. Remaining applications.

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

Up to 5 places in each year group are allocated to pupils with an EHCP where hearing impairment is the primary area of need who are placed at the school due to its enhanced provision.

A full copy of our Admissions Policy is available on our website.

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<sup>1</sup> Currently Glebe Primary School.

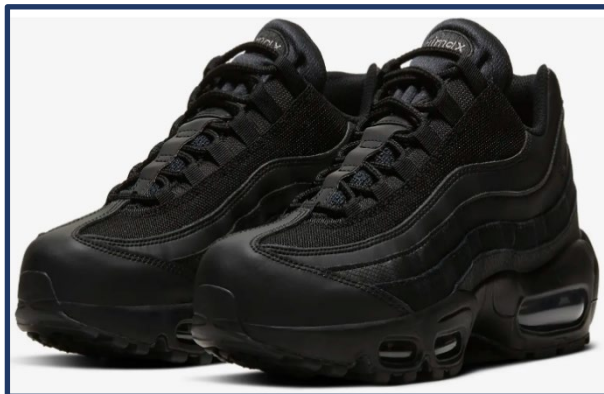
# Uniform Policy

- Sweyne Park School tie (Branded)
- Sweyne Park School jumper (Branded)
- Light blue shirt
- Sensible leather/man-made black shoes – the following are not allowed (see pictures below for further guidance):
  - o Trainers – that is, footwear in which the sole curls up onto the toes
  - o Canvas shoes
  - o Boots above the ankle bone
  - o Any branding, logos, etc. in any colour other than black
- Black ankle socks or black/flesh coloured tights – leggings, white socks and/or knee length socks are not allowed
- We recommend a sensible, plain outdoor waterproof coat for the winter months - neither coats or hoodies (including the school/PE hoodie) are to be worn in the building
- Black knee length kilt style skirt with the school logo - available from Danielle's Schoolwear (Branded)
- Plain black woven fabric straight-leg/tailored trousers – the following are not allowed:
  - o Chino style trousers
  - o Denim trousers
  - o Skin tight trousers (some styles/fits not marketed as skin tight may end up looking like this when worn – please do check)
  - o Jogging bottoms
  - o Leggings/jeggings
- Any belts should be plain black
- Fashion hats, caps etc should not be worn in the building
- Jewellery:
  - o Only stud earrings are allowed
  - o Rings are not allowed
  - o We do not recommend nose piercings, but if worn they must be a discreet stud
  - o No other facial piercings are allowed
- Make-up etc:
  - o Any make-up/false eyelashes/eyelash extensions worn should be subtle and professional

- o False nails are not allowed
- Hairstyles should be professional. Extreme colours, cuts and styles are not acceptable

The school will have the final say on all decisions with regard to uniform. We would ask that you support us by ensuring your child(ren) adhere to this policy so that we can all focus on their learning.

Please contact the school before purchasing footwear if you are unsure. These are some examples of footwear **NOT ALLOWED** for school.



# Pupil Outcome Data 2023

Once again this year, Sweyne Park School secured a strong set of results at GCSE level, with many excellent individual performances at both levels. We are delighted that so many of our Year 11 pupils are staying with us into the Sixth Form, and are proud that our Year 13 leavers secured some excellent university destinations, apprenticeships, and employment opportunities.

## GCSE Results

- 41% achieved grade 5 or above in both English & Maths
- 63% achieved grade 4 or above in both English & Maths
- 52% EBacc entry
- 7 pupils achieved at least five grade 9s
- 31 pupils achieved at least one grade 9



## Sweyne Park Sixth Form Leavers' University Destinations 2023



## Professional Destinations 2023

