WRIGHT ROBINSON COLLEGE

ADMISSION POLICY
2028

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Overview

Wright Robinson College is a non-selective, co-educational 11 to 16 year-old Academy, situated in East Manchester. The college is part of the Flagship Learning Trust. The purpose-built premises opened in 2007 and include specialist-teaching rooms for Art, Technology and Music. There is also a state of the art Learning Resource Centre, as well as enviable sports facilities, which house a 25m swimming pool, a double sports Hall, dance studio and fitness suite. These excellent facilities enable us to offer a huge range of subjects, as well as an extensive programme of extra-curricular activities.

We are an Academy that demands and achieves the highest standards in all areas leading to a disciplined, safe, caring and inspiring environment where students achieve their maximum potential. We place great emphasis on the excellent relationships that exist between students and between staff and students. Wright Robinson College believes that students should leave equipped with the best set of exam results they are capable of and the skills and attitude needed to ensure they thrive in a rapidly changing world.

The planned admission number for the Academy for September 2028 will be 360.

Our mission:

Team Wright Robinson is fully committed to inspiring its students to achieve academic excellence, good character and resilience. This will enable our students to be instrumental in contributing to and shaping British Society in an internationally competitive world.

Admissions

The Academy Trust Board of Wright Robinson College, as the admission authority, will be responsible for determining who is allocated a place at the College in accordance with the Admission Policy.

All children whose Education, Health and Care Plan names Wright Robinson College will be admitted.

Oversubscription criteria

Where the number of applications exceeds the Published Admission Number, places will be allocated in the following order of priority:

i. Looked-after children[1] and children who were previously looked after, including children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

ii. Applicants who have a sibling[2] attending Wright Robinson at the time of admission**.**

iii. Children with exceptional medical/social needs[3];

iv. According to the closest distance[4] between the child's permanent home address and the college, measured in a straight line.

Where there are spaces available but a greater number of preferences, students will be offered places in the order detailed above.

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Tie-Breaker

If the number of applicants assigned to one of the above oversubscription criteria exceeds the number of remaining places, a tie-breaker will be used to allocate those remaining places amongst that group of applicants. The tie-breaker will be home to school distance as set out in criterion number iv) above. If two addresses produce exactly the same distance the decision will be made using drawing lots.

Application Process

Applications forms and guidance notes are available to download from our website or to collect from main reception and are also available from the Local Authority.
The closing date for application forms is: **31st October 2027**

Manchester LA will write to the families of all applicants on 1st March 2028 giving details of the school to which the pupil has been allocated.

Any Applications received after the closing date will be processed as a late application. Late applications received after the closing date may result in parents/carers not being offered a place at their preferred school. Where possible these applicants will be sent an offer letter on 1st March 2028 after all on time applicants have been offered a school place.

Withdrawal of Offer

Parents will be asked to respond directly to the LA. If they do not respond within deadlines set by the LA's Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme the offer of a place will be withdrawn. Before withdrawing for non-response, the parent/carer will be given a further opportunity to respond and explain that the offer may be withdrawn. Where an offer is withdrawn because of misleading information, the application will be reconsidered and an appeal offered if refused.

Parents will also wish to note that any offer of a place will be withdrawn where either the application is subsequently found to be fraudulent or intentionally misleading and results in a child with a stronger claim being denied a place (School Admissions Code 2021, paragraph 2.13.).

Applications for children of multiple births

If one child from a multiple birth (i.e. twins, triplets etc) is given a place at Wright Robinson then all children from that multiple birth will be offered places.

Appeals

Should a parent or carer wish to appeal they should write to the Admissions Officer (Appeals) at Wright Robinson College. Appellants are recommended to lodge their appeal against the refusal of a place by 31st March 2028 to ensure that their appeal is heard in the main batch of appeals.

Appeals will be heard by an Independent Appeal Panel. The Admissions Officer will send the appeals to the Clerk to the Appeals who will inform appellants of their rights of appeal and the appeal procedures.
The determination of the appeal panel is binding on all parties.

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Waiting Lists

As the Admission Authority waiting lists will be maintained by the Trust Board of the Academy and the Local Authority will be informed if/when a place has been offered to a student. As part of the Manchester Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements, waiting lists will be held until 31st December in the academic year in which the application was made. At the end of the academic year all applicants will be removed from all waiting lists. The only exception to this will be if the applicant has not been offered a place at any school. In this circumstance the applicant will be kept on the waiting list for the next term. Details of the waiting list process will be on the application forms and on the offer letters sent to applicants.

The waiting list is open to any parent for his or her child's name to be placed on the list following either an unsuccessful application or an unsuccessful appeal and must enter the list via school admissions.

A child's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out above. Where places in the Academy become vacant, they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

Fair Access Protocol

The college is committed to Manchester's current Fair Access Protocol. Should a vulnerable child within the Protocol require a place at Wright Robinson, the child will be admitted immediately or will move to the top of the waiting list, as determined by the Protocol Management Group.

In-Year Admissions

In-year admissions are requests for places in any year group received by the LA or the Academy outside the ordinary admissions process for Year 7 (i.e. including applications for Year 7 after the beginning of the autumn term).

Parents/carers will be required to contact the LA when enquiring about an In-Year school place as part of its overall role in co-ordinating admissions. The LA will then ask the Academy's Governing Body whether a place is available, and the LA will then notify parents/carers of the outcome.

If the application is not successful, parents/carers have the right to appeal the decision to an Independent Appeal Panel.

Admission outside normal age group

Parents/carers can make a request for admission outside of the child's normal age group. The college, as the admission authority, will make a decision based upon the circumstances of each case and in the child's best interests, in accordance with the School Admissions Code.

Legislation and statutory requirements

This policy is based on the following advice from the Department for Education (DfE):

- School Admissions Code
- School Admission Appeals Code

As an academy, the school is required by its funding agreement to comply with these codes, and with the law relating to admissions as set out in the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

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Approved by the Governing Body on:

(XXXXXXX- Chair of Governors)

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[1] *'Previously Looked after Children' are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order). This includes children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.*

[2] *"Sibling" means a full brother or sister, and a half brother or sister, adoptive brother or sister and non-blood related children who live with married or cohabiting parents in the same household and* ***who is attending Wright Robinson at the time of admission****.*

[3] *Exceptional Social/Medical Need- Where such an application is made, full details of the exceptional needs which are directly relevant to the college, must be provided. Such details must include documented social, medical or psychological evidence. The supporting evidence must set out the particular reasons why the college is the only school that can meet the child's needs or circumstances.*

[4] *"Distance" is defined as the distance from the middle of the Academy building, in a straight line, to the centre of the child's home property. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the centre point of the child's permanent home address to the centre point of the school, with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority.*

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