

Admissions Policy

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Priory School Pupil Admissions Policy

Priory School, a family school with a strong Christian ethos, believes that all children are entitled to a high standard of education and, therefore, subject to availability, will offer a place to all pupils who apply if, subject to the sole discretion of the Principal, this is considered to be the best environment for the child.

The main entry points are 5+, 11+ and 16+, although applicants will be considered for all years in which there are places available. Each applicant is considered strictly as an individual in every case. In line with its family ethos, siblings are automatically offered a place unless there are compelling educational reasons to reconsider this.

A registration form must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian and forwarded to the School office in order for the application to be considered.

The School complies fully with the statutory requirements of the Education Act 2002 and the Education (Independent Schools Standards) (England) regulations 2010; with due regard to these requirements, this policy should be taken as being consistent with and complementary to the School's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

No applicant will be treated less favourably during the application process on the grounds of skin colour, race, nationality or ethnic or national origin, gender, religious faith, disability, orientation, or socio-economic group. In this the School follows the provisions of the 2010 Equalities Act. However, at present, the School's facilities, physical and otherwise, for the disabled and those with special educational needs are limited but it will do all that is reasonable to comply with its legal and moral responsibilities under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (as amended by the *Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001*) in order to accommodate the needs of applicants who have disabilities for which, with reasonable adjustments, the School can cater adequately. The School will consult with parents or guardians about the adjustments which can reasonably be made for the applicant both during the admission process and later as a pupil and any attendant costs which may be borne by the parents/guardians if over and above current provision.

The School has a very limited number of places per class and, therefore, registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Should a class become full, a waiting list will be established, again on a first-come, first-served basis.

Admissions are usually by firstly a visit to the School, then by "taster" days where a child can have a full experience of Priory School classes. There is no cost and no obligation involved. Assessments to establish current levels of attainment and general intelligence, literacy and numeracy will usually be done. There is then a final meeting after "taster" days between the family and the School to determine if admission is appropriate.

Upon admission, pupils will be allocated to a class, usually the chronological year, and a School house. If a new pupil has a sibling or relative in the School, the new pupil will be allocated to the same house.

Authorised by Mr E J Matyjaszek, Principal

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