

St John's Beaumont Preparatory School

Admissions Policy

Broad Statement of Admission and Selection Criteria for the School

Pupils are happiest at St John's Beaumont when they fully understand and adopt the principles set out in the Mission and Vision Statements. The School assists its pupils to achieve their best and does all it can to help each pupil to achieve the high academic, social and non-academic standards which are the mark of the School.

Admission to the School depends upon prospective pupils meeting the criteria required to maintain and, if possible to improve, the educational and general standards for all its pupils commensurate with the ethos to which the School aspires.

Priority is given to pupils who are baptised Roman Catholic, although pupils of other faiths are warmly welcomed if it is evident that they would benefit from a Christian education and contribute positively to the ethos of the school.

The School must also feel reasonably sure that it will be able to educate and develop prospective pupils to the best of their potential and in line with the general standards achieved by pupils' peers. This is so that there is every chance that each pupil will have a complete, happy and successful school career and emerge a confident, well-educated and well-rounded person with a good prospect of a satisfying life. These criteria must continue to be met throughout a pupil's time at the School.

The School's policy is to apply these criteria to all pupils and potential pupils having regard to any disability of which it is aware and its ability to make reasonable adjustments (for which a charge may be made). This is in order not to put any disabled pupil or potential pupil at a substantial disadvantage compared to any pupil who is not disadvantaged because of their disability.

The School asks parents to complete the disability section in the Registration form in respect of a prospective pupil at the time of Registration. Depending on the time elapsed between Registration and the Selection process, parents may be required to update in writing the disability information given prior to the Selection process. In considering whether the admission of the prospective pupil into the School will accord with the criteria mentioned above, the School may take such advice and require such assessments as it regards as appropriate. Subject to these requirements and the provisions of the Family Handbook, the School will be sensitive to any requests for confidentiality.

The School maintains an admissions policy and a selection procedure, which recognises the above.

Upon first enquiry, parents are invited to tour the school without further financial commitment. If they wish to progress their interest in the school then they may choose to register and arrange for interview with the Head Teacher. If recommended, pupils are then invited for a taster morning or assessment day.

Pupils may be admitted to the School at any year group if a space is available. Pupils applying for entry into Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 are assessed informally by the respective class teacher. Following a subsequent parental interview with the Head Teacher, a place may be offered at the Head Teacher's discretion. Overseas applicants are required to sit an entrance examination for streaming purposes.

Pupils from Years 3 to 8 are invited to spend a day with their peer group during which time they will also sit a short assessment. Overseas applicants are required to sit an entrance examination for streaming purposes. There will also be a family interview with Head Teacher, after which an offer of a place will be made at the Head Teacher's discretion.

A programme of continual but unpressured assessment is maintained throughout the pupil's time at the School to ensure that their best interests are secured in terms of their continuation in the School or otherwise.

The offer of a place at St John's will be subject to any financial obligations being met by the parents. Written confirmation of this may be required from the School before any offer is made. We reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a place at our School if information becomes available that contravenes the criteria for admissions. An appeal may be made in writing to the Governors.

The School recognises the importance of full communication in these matters, and parents and pupils will be kept informed. Copies of the School's admissions policy can be obtained from the Admissions Officer and School Office.

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