

ST PIRAN'S SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY

INTRODUCTION

We pride ourselves in being a warm and friendly school and wish to bring out the best in every child in our care. We aim to give each child a first class academic education as well as offering a full range of sports and activities. Courtesy and consideration for others and a sense of responsibility for the school community underpinned by Christian principles are of paramount importance at St Piran's. By the time the pupils leave the school we sincerely hope that they have contributed as much as they can and feel a sense of pleasure in what they have achieved. We think it is important to foster a happy and natural relationship between pupils, parents and staff so that everyone has a pride in being part of the school. By the end of Year 6 our hope is that children will be emotionally intelligent, academically strong, socially confident, honest, kind and always strive to do their best.

ENTRY TO ST PIRAN'S

You are welcome to visit St Piran's at any time for a tour with the Headmaster, please contact the Registrar to arrange an appointment. Alternatively you may like to visit on one of our Open Days which are held each term giving you the perfect opportunity to see the School in action, meet staff, children and current parents.

ADMISSIONS

The initial stage of the Admissions procedure is the completion of a Registration Form accompanied by a non-returnable Registration Fee of £100.00. Early registration is advisable. Your son/daughter will be placed on the waiting list in chronological order of registration. Siblings of current pupils are given priority on the waiting list.

PRE-PREP (EARLY YEARS AND LOWER SCHOOL)

Early Years (Nursery and Reception)

(Rising 3 – 4 years) – There are no assessments for applicants to Nursery. All parents meet with the Headmaster and the term before your child is due to start, you will be invited into school to meet with the Head of Early Years.

Reception: 4-5 years

All parents meet with the Headmaster and the most recent report is requested from the child's nursery school, play group or current school. All children are seen by the Head of Pre-Prep and a short assessment is given.

Lower School: Years 1 and 2

(5-7 years)

All parents meet with the Headmaster and the most recent report is requested from the child's nursery school, play group or current school. All children are seen by the Head of Pre-Prep and a short assessment is given.

Middle school

Years 3 & 4

(7 – 9yrs) - All parents and children are seen by the Headmaster. The applicant will then spend a day in school during which time they will be required to complete a Literacy and Numeracy assessment. Reports will be requested from the previous school.

Upper school

Years 5 & 6

(9 -11yrs)

All parents and children are seen by the Headmaster. Pupils will spend a day in school during which time they will be required to complete assessments in Literacy and Numeracy. Reports will be requested from the previous school.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS and ACCESSIBILITY

If there are signs that a child has special needs, then the SENCO will be asked to assess the child to see if the school can meet these needs. A decision will then be made.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Entry by scholarship usually involves testing and interviewing the pupils. Reading, Spelling, Creative Writing and mathematical skills are usually tested during a day in school. Scholarships are generally not offered to a child entering below Year 3.

OFFER OF A PLACE

The formal offer to accept the child as a pupil is conditional upon the Headmaster having evidence through interview and/or testing, or a report from the previous School, that the child has reached an appropriate standard both academically and socially. Once the Headmaster is satisfied that these conditions have been fulfilled, an offer letter will be sent and a deposit of £500 will then become payable.

INDUCTION DAY

All children must feel comfortable about the transition from their current school to St Piran's. With this in mind we have an Induction Day at the end of the Summer Term. This takes place on the last Monday of term for the first two lessons in the morning session. Nursery children are invited to spend a couple of hours in Nursery on the first day of term with just the new children present.

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