

# 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, equipping the children with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, 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. 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 academically strong, socially confident and emotionally intelligent; honest, kind and always striving 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 or one of the Senior Management Team; 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)**

#### **Nursery**

(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 Early Years and a short assessment is given. We may also visit a child in their current setting or invite them in to spend a morning with their current age group, before an offer is made.

### **Lower School:**

Years 1 & 2; (5-7yrs)

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 Lower School Coordinator 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 an age appropriate 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 age appropriate 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 extended testing and interviewing of the pupils. Reading, spelling, creative writing and mathematical skills are 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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