



# ADMISSIONS POLICY

## (Junior School)

*Reviewed September 2021*

### AIMS

To admit to the school

1. Pupils from a wide range of diverse backgrounds in order to enrich our community, enhance academic standards, to be socially inclusive, and widen educational opportunity
2. Pupils who meet the school's academic entry criteria and who have the ability to benefit from the educational opportunities provided at the School and contribute positively to the school community, in order to sustain and enhance the educational viability of the school
3. Sufficient numbers of pupils to sustain and enhance the financial viability of the school

### OBJECTIVES

Admissions to the school are in numbers as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Governors after consultation with the Head of both the Junior and Senior schools. Individual admission depends upon:

1. The availability of places
2. The ability of the candidate to gain optimum benefit from the educational opportunities provided at the school. In assessing this, a number of factors are weighed including academic ability, co-curricular interests and any other relevant factors.

All applications are considered in accordance with the school's *Equal Opportunities Policy* and *Disability Access Plan* and the school will make all reasonable adjustments to ensure that a disabled pupil is not treated less favourably for a reason related to his disability without justification.

**For entry at commencing September or throughout the course of an academic year:**

- a) Reports are sought from the candidate's present school (if appropriate).
- b) Initial assessments are made on the basis of available evidence to determine whether the school can make reasonable adjustments to enable pupils with declared disabilities to benefit fully from the provision offered.
- c) The candidate takes part in assessments appropriate to his age, including meeting the Head of the Junior School.
- d) The offer of a place is dependent upon satisfactory performance in the assessments and consideration of the candidate's ability to gain optimum benefit from the educational opportunities provided at the school.

**NOTIFICATION OF THE RESULT OF AN APPLICATION**

Whether or not a place is offered rests with the Head of the Junior School: his/her decision is final. All offers of places are made in writing by the Head in a letter of offer. The school's Standard Terms and Conditions apply.

**MEANS TESTED BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

Occasionally scholarships (which do not include an automatic fee reduction) may be awarded on entry to the Junior School but assistance with fees (means tested bursaries) are not available in the Junior School.

**SEND**

The provision for students with Educational Health and Care Plans or other access requirements will be co-ordinated by the Head of the Junior School who will ensure that admissions procedures are in accordance with the care plan and effectively meet their needs.