



THE KING'S SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The King's School, Harpenden is an independent evangelical Christian school which draws pupils from a wide area of Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and north London. Children come predominantly from Christian families who are committed members of a local church.

MISSION STATEMENT

The ethos of the School is that it offers a service to the Christian community in which we provide quality academic training in an environment which continues the Christian upbringing which has begun at home. The School's mission statement is '**Young people devoted to Christ, equipped for life and prepared to reach the world.**' The School has no allegiance to any one denomination or church. The School draws pupils from a wide variety of churches and denominations. 'Equipped for life' embraces the need for quality academic preparation and good citizenship.

ENTRY INTO THE SCHOOL

Applications will be considered for entry into all classes from Foundation through to Year 9. New pupils are not normally taken into Year 10 and 11. Applicants need to adhere to the process as set out below.

We will consider pupils from all backgrounds, nationalities and abilities. We accept pupils from families who are practising Christians. We do not accept pupils whose families are practising other religions. We respect the right of everyone to follow and adhere to the practices of any religion they choose. However, actively following another religion may bring home and school into conflict of belief, and what is being taught to the child, which would not be in the best interest of the child.

We will consider pupils who may have Special Educational Needs but they will only be offered a place if it is felt that the School can cater for their educational needs in the context of a particular class. We do not normally admit children with a Statement of Educational Need.

We may not be able to offer a place if a class is deemed to be full. The School has an ideal class size of 20 per year group with a maximum number of 22 per year group.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

Parents whose children are new to The King's School

Parents may contact the School to book an initial appointment with the Principal followed by a tour of the School. On receipt of an application, along with the processing fee (currently £45), should the School be aware of a place becoming available children are taken into the School for an assessment day. Prospective pupils will spend the day with their year group and the teachers of the day will assess them. In the light of this, we may invite the parents to a second interview and then a place may be offered.

Parents who already have children in The King's School

Parents first submit the application form, along with the processing fee, and children are invited to School for an assessment day, if there is a possibility of a place being available. The day will be spent with their year group and the teachers of the day will assess them. In the light of this, a place may be offered.

Procedure for entry to Foundation Class

Pupil intake to the Foundation Class will be in September preceding their 5th birthday.

Pupils from Highfield Preschool

A number of pupils coming into Foundation Class come from the Highfield Preschool. Parents will need to indicate that they are interested in The King's School, meet the Principal and make application. Pupils will be assessed at Highfield Preschool after they have entered the Lions Class using the steps towards the Early Learning Goals as set out by EYFS to see if they are both academically and emotionally ready to start school. Parents will be invited to an interview with the Principal. Parents who already have a child in the School will not need a second interview and will be informed by letter of our decision.

Pupils not from Highfield Preschool

Parents wishing their children to come to The King's School Foundation Class from outside of Highfield Preschool need to apply before 31st January for entry in the next academic year by booking an appointment with the Principal, followed by submitting an application form. During February and March, all applicants will be invited, with their parents, for an assessment and asked to provide the latest assessment of their child from their existing nursery. This assessment will form the basis for the decision as to whether the child will be offered a place. Parents will then be invited for a second interview with the Principal when a place may be offered.

All new Foundation Class pupils will be invited back individually, with their parents, for a familiarization visit. This will take place in April. In June, there will be an induction day for them all to enjoy the Foundation Class together, along with the existing Foundation Class, in order for them to be prepared for when they start.

Priority for entry is given to siblings and pupils at Highfield Preschool.

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed regularly by the Principal and revised if it is deemed necessary.