



Admissions Policy

This policy will be reviewed annually
Policy reviewed: July 2017 by JG/PL
Next review: July 2018 by JG/PL

This policy is applicable to all pupils, including those in the EYFS.

GENERAL

WCPS is an independent school for boys from the age of 4 to 7. The school has approximately 168 pupils. Deciding on the right school for your child is very important and we believe that a personal visit is invaluable. We hold an Open Morning each term, details of which are published on the school website.

THE ENTRY PROCEDURE

Parents are invited to register their interest in a Reception place by completing a registration form which is included in the school prospectus. It is also available from the website or from the school secretary. Applicants for admission should register their child as early as possible. Registrations are accepted from birth.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

WCPS considers candidates for admission regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, social background or disability.

SPECIAL NEEDS

If a candidate suffers from a disability we will, provided we know about the disability, make reasonable adjustments to ensure that he is not disadvantaged, to the extent required by law. A copy of our Reasonable Adjustments Policy is available upon request.

We will discuss thoroughly with parents and their medical advisers the adjustments that can reasonably be made for the child if he becomes a pupil at the school.

THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Approximately eighteen months prior to the appropriate entry date, we invite groups of boys to come and spend some time with the Early Years staff in a "Getting to Know You" session. Inevitably, we have more boys on our registration list than we are able to meet, so priority is given to siblings of boys who attend or have attended WCPS, sons of former pupils and those whose names are nearer the top of the registration list.

WCPS is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. It is our aim that all pupils fulfil their potential.

Our “Getting to Know You” sessions are very informal. We put out a variety of things for the boys to play with and spend time talking to them and seeing how they interact with the other boys. We also request a report from their nursery school, should they be attending one. This gives us a more rounded picture of the boys’ characters and together with our observations from the “Getting to Know You” session assists us in making a decision as to whether we feel WCPS might be a suitable learning environment for them. Boys are selected on what we judge to suggest potential academic ability.

We are able to make fifty-six offers of a place in our Reception classes. We will also offer places on our Reserve List, should a place become available in the future. Parents are given one week to accept the offer and return the acceptance form with the enrolment fee. If places are not accepted, we will then offer places to boys on our Reserve List.

ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

Places in other year groups may become available from time to time. Parents are invited to contact the school should they require further information. Boys registered for entry in Year 1 upwards are required to spend some time in one of the classes and complete some written and mathematical activities. We also request a report from their current school.

SIBLING POLICY

Each child is assessed on his own merits. Although siblings are given priority when we invite the boys to attend our “Getting to Know You” sessions, they are not guaranteed the offer of a place.

FLUENCY IN ENGLISH

In order to cope with the high academic demands of WCPS, pupils must be reasonably fluent English speakers.

SCHOOL’S CONTRACTUAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A copy of the school’s contractual terms and conditions can be found on the school’s website and it will be made available to parents as part of the admissions process.

COMPLAINTS

We hope that neither you nor your child will have any complaints about our admissions process but a copy of the school’s Complaints Procedure can be sent to you on request or accessed through the school website.