

COGNITA



Admissions Policy

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1 Policy Statement

- 1.1 We welcome applications for admission from pupils of all backgrounds. This policy applies to all pupils, including those in our Early Years Foundation Stage. We admit pupils with an additional educational need and/or disability provided both parents and school conclude that we can provide appropriately for the child's specific needs.

2 Enquiries

- 2.1 All enquiries and applications should be made to the Admissions assistant who will ensure that you have all the information you need.

3 Visits

- 3.1 Prospective parents are encouraged to visit to see the school in action and to meet the Head. After their personal tour. There is an open day or virtual open day which is an opportunity to tour the school on an informal basis. Alternatively you might like to make an appointment for a personal tour. We welcome personal tours at a time to suit the prospective parent. Please contact the Admissions to arrange this. After the tour, the relevant admissions information will be provided for consideration and application. We request that all the information is filled in completely and returned to the school office.

- 3.2 The school will respond by confirming that the child's name has been placed on the admission list for the relevant term and year. If the year group is fully subscribed, they will be placed on a waiting list. A place is confirmed once a formal offer has been made by the school and the deposit of £350 has been received in return.

4 Admission to Nursery

- 4.1 Children are welcomed into the Nursery during the term that they turn 3. No formal assessment of children is undertaken although parents will be asked about their child's general development and any identified special educational needs prior to a place being offered. Places are not automatic, in some rare cases, a place will not be offered if we judge that a child's development is below expectation or that they will not flourish in the environment we offer.

5 Taster Days

- 5.1 We offer Taster Days as an opportunity for children to enjoy the environment at Kingscourt. Taster Days are a good chance also for prospective parents to talk to staff about their child's individual personality and needs.

6 Transition from Nursery to Reception

- 6.1 Transition from Nursery (age 3-4) to Reception (age 4-5) is assumed unless otherwise advised. Children are registered to their Reception class at first point of admission enquiry. However, if a child is attending Nursery, a deposit is payable of £350 in order to secure their Nursery place. If a child is not transitioning to our Reception class a parent must give notice of this decision by the end of the Spring term. If no notice is given by the end of the spring term, then the deposit is forfeited. This is to allow us to plan effectively for Reception transition.

7 Transition through Year Groups

- 7.1 It is anticipated that all pupils will transition through the school and reap the rewards of the education on offer. Should this prove not to be the case, parents will be informed of any concerns at the earliest opportunity and at the latest before the end of the Spring Term if there appears to be any reason why the pupil may be refused a place in the subsequent year groups. In rare cases it may be that a pupil's progress or behaviour means that transfer to the next stage of the school is not deemed appropriate. Please note that a terms notice is required when a decision is made to leave throughout your child's time at Kingscourt until the end of Year 6. Please note that refunding the initial deposit will only occur when this notice is given. This enables us to plan for future classes.

8 Admission to Other Year Groups

- 8.1 Children joining the school usually enjoy a Taster Day prior to joining their class. We accept children both at the beginning and during term time if there is space in the class. In some very rare cases, a place will not be offered if we judge that a child will not flourish in the environment that we offer.

9 Allocation of Places

- Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis until we have reached our maximum class size or we operate a double entry year group.
- 9.1 In the event that the number of children registered for any year group exceeds the places available, the following procedure will be applied:
A waiting list will commence with children with siblings in the school given priority.

10 Offer

- 10.1 The parents of each applicant will be informed within two weeks of their application whether a place is available. The school will not be obliged to state its reasons for declining a request for admission.

11 Waiting List

- 11.1 If no place is available, parents may place their child's name on the waiting list for the school. The school cannot guarantee when a place may become available.

12 Appeal

- 12.1 There is no appeal process for admission to the school. The decision of the Headteacher and SLT/SENCo is final.

13 False Information

- 13.1 Where the school has made an offer of a place on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application, which has effectively denied a place to a child with a stronger claim, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

14 Overseas Pupils/Pupils with English as an Additional Language

- 14.1 We welcome pupils from a wide variety of cultural backgrounds, including overseas pupils and those with English as an additional language (EAL). Children entering the School must have an appropriate working knowledge of English and parents must be committed to supporting further English study at their cost, if necessary.
- 14.2 Overseas pupils are required to have a guardian who is resident in the UK and who can act on behalf of the parents, if required.

15 Equality

- 15.1 The school pays due regard to the Equality Act 2010 and reasonable adjustments are made for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

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15.2 Subject to our entry requirements being met, we welcome pupils with special educational needs or physical disabilities. We advise parents of children with special educational needs and/or physical disabilities to discuss their child's requirements with the school before registering for a place. This will enable the school to determine whether the school can make reasonable adjustments to ensure that the child can flourish as a learner. Where necessary, parents will be asked to provide a copy of an Educational Psychologist's report or a medical report and the school may need to discuss provision with external agencies. The cost of such reports is the responsibility of the parent. Where specific provision is required, parents may be asked to pay an additional charge to meet these needs (staffing and/or resources).

16 Admissions Register

16.1 The school maintains an Admissions Register in line with regulatory requirements. See Admission, Attendance and Children Missing from Education Policy for further detail of statutory requirements.

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