



ADMISSIONS POLICY

Solefield School

Statement

Solefield School accepts those children who will benefit from the education we offer. Boys need to fit comfortably, socially and academically into the peer group. We will not always be able to provide the right environment for every child. It is not usually in the child's best interest to study in an environment in which he does not compete on equal terms with his peers. Solefield School is committed to equal treatment for all, regardless of an individual's race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, disability, learning difficulty, cultural or social background. We are a non-selective school and we believe that the educational experience can only be enriched if boys are exposed to as wide a range of experiences as possible whilst they are developing. This procedure is applicable to all parts of the school including the EYFS.

Admissions Process

- Initial enquiry by phone, letter or e-mail.
- Prospectus and admissions forms sent. Prospective parents are invited to make an appointment to view the school.
- Preliminary visit by parents. The Headmaster allocates about an hour and a half to talk to the parents and tour the school.
- Prospective parents register their sons by returning completed forms and registration fee of £100.
- In October of the year preceding entry, an initial eighteen places are offered for the reception class due to start the following September. These offers are based on the date of initial registration, and whether the boy has older brothers currently in the school, younger brothers registered or staff parents. A deposit of £500 (refundable from the final term's fees) is required at this point.
- If there is no place the boy is put on a waiting list which is operated in date order, again with the exception of siblings of current boys, siblings of future boys and sons of staff. These are given priority on the waiting list. It is at the Headmaster's discretion to offer places from the waiting list.
- All boys above reception age are invited to spend a day or half-day (depending on age) in the school for informal testing.
- If the test results are satisfactory, a place is offered and the parents asked to pay a deposit of £500 (refundable from the final term's fees).
- Places are not usually offered to families who have not visited the school.]

Admissions criteria

Solefield School will accept a boy into the school based on three entry criteria:

- The boy will cope with the school
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- The boy will not adversely effect the education of other boys in the school

To this end Solefield School is non-selective in Reception but we are unable to take boys with severe or profound learning or behavioural difficulties. Boys entering further up the school will have a trial morning and be informally assessed as follows:

Yr R – 3 in school from 9 – 12am.

Yr 4-8 full day in school.

Yr 1

- Number recognition
- Sight recognition of first high frequency words
- Knows letter sounds

Yr 2 – 6

- If possible class English comprehension or writing task
- One page of mental maths book

Yr 7 & 8

- 11+ scores if known
- KS2 SATS scores if known
- NFER scores if known

If unavailable assessment by Maths & English Teachers

Results of any testing plus a verbal report on the trial morning / day should be given to the Headmaster by the form taker by the end of the day. A report will be requested, either verbally or in writing, from their previous school. Exceptions may be made for boys relocating from overseas. Solefield is unable to offer places to boys who have a very low IQ, or who have learning or behavioural difficulties deemed by the school to be too severe.

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