

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADMISSION

In the last few years, Farleigh has thrived and the school has grown to approximately 450 children. Farleigh is a Catholic school which welcomes all pupils into a warm Christian community where the care of the individual is paramount. In order to maintain this individual care the school intends to remain around its current size for the foreseeable future.

We maintain lists of prospective pupils and the Registrar handles these matters. Those who enquire will have an opportunity to meet the Headmaster and tour the school. On registration, names are added to the list in accordance with the Admissions Policy. This gives preference to practising Catholics, boarders and siblings, as well as children whose family members have previously attended the school and to those staying at the school until the end of Year 8 (13 years old). Experience has taught us that patience and perseverance often result in a place.

Currently, there is no entrance assessment for entry into the Kindergarten or Pre-Prep, though children entering Year 1 or Year 2 will be invited to attend an informal taster/assessment morning. Transfer to the prep school is not automatic but it is safe for parents to assume that pupils will progress if they have not heard by the end of Year 1.

Children not in the Pre-Prep seeking places in the prep school take an initial assessment prior to being offered a place. This 'get to know the child session', includes Reading, Spelling, Vocabulary and Mathematics, in order to provide an indication of potential ability and is administered by our Learning Support team. No preparation is required and therefore past papers are not available. Places for pupils who require ongoing Learning Support are dependent on the current numbers receiving input and are therefore subject to availability. For children who may require Learning Support, there will be consultation with parents. New boarders will be invited to stay overnight as part of the assessment process. New pupils will be invited to attend a taster/moving up day in the term preceding entry.

Pupils applying from outside the EC will only be offered a place if the visa requirements of the UK Visas and Immigration Agency are met. All overseas pupils at the school must have a UK guardian.

The Headmaster, following the principles laid down in the Admissions Policy, has full discretion to offer places. On being offered a place, parents are sent a parent/school contract which sets out the expectations of the school, the child and the parents in what we hope will be a lasting partnership.

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