

St Christopher's School

A Brighton College School



ADMISSIONS POLICY **For all pupils, including EYFS**

St Christopher's School is an independent, co-educational preparatory school which admits children from a wide range of backgrounds and ethnic groups. All children registering for a place at St Christopher's School are asked to undergo an assessment, which is designed to assess their suitability for the School.

Various criteria are used, appropriate to the age of the child, including standardised reasoning tests, an assessment of confidence, willingness to participate, ability to perform simple tasks, outside interests and activities. Reasoning tests are not used for entry to Reception, these prospective pupils are invited to an *Explore & Learn* session so that teachers and prospective pupils can get to know one another in a school setting.

Children who may have specific needs, including those who are disabled or who have special educational needs, will be assessed for entry on an individual basis. The Headmaster and prospective parents will consider together if the School is able to meet the specific needs of individual children. Ultimately, the School wishes to provide a learning culture in which all of its pupils can make successful academic and social progress.

The School's policy is to ensure priority of entry is given to siblings whenever places are available.

Admission Procedure

- ◆ The first point of contact is normally made when a parent or carer makes a telephone or e-mail enquiry. Information about the school is sent, usually on the same day as the telephone call is received. Parents/Carers are then invited to visit the School and meet the Headmaster.
- ◆ An appointment is made for the family/parents/carers to visit the Headmaster and a tour of the School is arranged. If the family would like their child to register for a place at St Christopher's, they should send in a registration form (found with the school information) with a non-refundable deposit of £100. At this point, the child is registered for a place.

- ◆ After registration, the child is invited into the School and is assessed according to age. Children registered for a place in Reception will be invited in for a half hour *Explore and Learn* session. All other prospective pupils for entry to the school from Year 1 and above visit the school for a taster day and assessments. If offered a place by the Headmaster following assessment a £500 refundable deposit is requested and a terms and conditions letter must be signed by both parents.
- ◆ New pupils usually enter the school at the beginning of term or after a half-term.

St Christopher's School reserves the right to share information regarding registered applicants with other members of the Brighton College family of schools. As a result, other schools within the Brighton College family of schools may well be in touch with families who have registered children for admission to St. Christopher's School. The Brighton College schools include Brighton College, St. Christopher's School, Brighton College Pre-Prep School, Brighton College Prep School and Handcross Park School.

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