



Oakhill

faith stronger than the oak

Admissions Policy

Oakhill is a non selective Roman Catholic Independent Day School which warmly welcomes applications from all families within the community. We believe that every child has the right to an Oakhill Education should we be able to meet that child's needs. Oakhill will not discriminate unfairly on grounds of sex, race and religion. Applications for entry to Oakhill can be made on behalf of any young person from the age of 0 years to 16 years.

Applications

All applications for entry must be accompanied by a completed admissions form. An application will only be considered to have been made once the registration fee has been paid. Applications are considered in order of registration.

If there are no places available at the time of application, a successful applicant will be offered a place on the waiting list. At the discretion of the Principal, priority may be given to siblings of children who already attend or have attended the school. Acceptance of a place on the waiting list does not commit the applicant to acceptance of a place once one becomes available.

Acceptance of Places

Below the age of four, children are accepted, following a meeting with the EYFS Manager or Principal. Between 4 and 11 children are accepted following an interview with the Principal and a taster visit to the school, during which we assess the child and whether we are able to meet the child's individual needs.

Entry to the Senior School involves an interview with the Principal and trial days for pupils from other schools. Pupils already in the Prep School are offered a place in the Senior School, if this is a suitable educational setting for the pupil, subject to the receipt of a deposit confirming acceptance of this place, in the January prior to entry.

All Year 7 entrants to the Senior School are invited to an Assessment Day which takes place in the Christmas term. From the results of the tests in

English and maths, Academic Scholarships are awarded. During the afternoon, children who apply for an All Rounder Award are interviewed by the Principal. The results of the Assessment Day are made known to parents within two weeks of the Assessment Day.

Written confirmation of an offer of a child's place at Oakhill School is issued and the parent contract is included with the offer/confirmation letter. Parents should confirm acceptance of the place offered within 14 days from the date of the acceptance letter. Any place not accepted in writing within fourteen days is deemed to be declined and will be offered to the next person on the waiting list. A place is deemed to have been accepted only when the required administration is received and the relevant deposit paid.

A legally binding contract is made when the place is accepted. The person(s) responsible for paying fees enter(s) this contract with the School and will accept the processes of admission and withdrawal, even if withdrawal occurs before the child commences their education at Oakhill School.

It is a condition of admission to the Nursery/School that any child and parents comply with the School Rules as amended from time to time.

When a child is accepted to attend Oakhill all families will then be offered support equally and every attempt will be made to enable that child to complete his/ her education at the school.

Financial Assistance

Sibling Discount

A sibling discount of 10% is automatically given for each younger child whilst a sibling remains at the school.

Bursaries

A limited number of bursaries are available to assist those children who would benefit from an Oakhill education. The application forms for bursaries are available from the Business Manager. In cases of hardship favourable payment plans are also available.

A bursary is assistance with fees, set at an appropriate level after the financial circumstances of the applicant's family have been assessed. As a rough guide an upper limit of £60,000 in parents' gross annual income is the level beyond which bursary assistance would not normally be considered.

Scholarships and Awards

Scholarships are awarded on merit and awarded independently of parental income. An academic scholarship is usually awarded to the best qualified entrant (s) at 11+.

An All Rounder Award is available for entry at 11+ and is based on all round abilities such as outstanding attainment in one or more of the following: service to the school, sport, art, music.

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