



St John's School Admissions Policy (Revised May 2009)

The Aims and Ethos of St. John's School

At St. John's we aim to:

- provide an environment which is secure, friendly and supportive where pupils learn that consequences follow actions and tolerance benefits all
- provide a curriculum designed to give a sound basis for individual development and achievement so that girls and boys become responsible, self-confident contributors to society
- require all our pupils to participate in school life as fully as possible so that they learn that they can successfully meet the demands that life presents
- offer each pupil the support and challenges appropriate to them so that each is led to progress in acquiring social and academic skills and an appetite for life-long learning

Our ethos is to:

- give every pupil a firm foundation to build on to achieve the future personal success to which they aspire

Based on our aims and ethos our policy is not to select on ability or with reference to ethnic, religious or social background, but to admit pupils whom we believe will flourish in our environment. However, as stated in our "Terms and Conditions" for Registration, the acceptance of a pupil at the school is at the discretion of the Head and the School Governors and the school reserves the right to take back the offer of a place, or require a pupil to leave the school where in the opinion of the Head it is considered necessary or is in the interests of the pupil or the school.

Admission into Nursery

Children may join the Nursery at 3 years of age. In some circumstances children may enter the Nursery once they reach 2½ years. They may attend on a full time or part time basis and this is negotiable at the time, however we strongly advise that children are attending Nursery full time at least by the term prior to their entry into Reception Class.

Children joining Nursery must be out of nappies and able to use the toilet.

At present Bridgend County Borough Council offer a grant to parents living in the borough whose pre-school age children attend a nursery school. Details of this grant are available from the school bursar.

Admission into Reception Class

Priority is given to St. John's Nursery pupils for entry into Reception Class.

Entry into other years of the school

The main points of entry into St. John's are normally Nursery, Reception, the Prep (Years 4-6) and the Senior Department (Years 7-11), however if places are available in other years we will consider applications for admissions.

We encourage children to have free "taster" days at the school prior to registration and/or entry. For children aged 7-11 one of these days would involve the child being given pieces of work to complete in order for the school to assess their ability. Older children are usually asked to try school examinations in at least English and mathematics and to have an interview with the headmistress. Reports from previous schools are also requested. Scholarship examinations are available for suitable candidates and awards are made on merit in a particular academic subject, for outstanding ability in sport, music or art, or as an all-rounder. Bursaries are also available for deserving students.

Parents or guardians must complete a registration form and pay a registration fee prior to entry, and this forms a contract between school and home. Children may be registered in advance of the term of their entry and places are allocated in order of receipt of registration forms, with siblings of current pupils receiving priority placing. Parents are also asked to complete a medical questionnaire before children begin attending St. John's.