



## **Solid Foundations Primary School**

### **Admissions Policy (2020/1)**

#### **Fundamental Principles**

- The school reserves the right to select applicants based on factors like aptitude, behaviour and payment records with preceding schools
- The school will not discriminate against any persons wanting access to our institution on the basis of race, gender or ethnic orientation
- Applicants to the school are required to accept and respect the fundamental Christian ethos of the school and understand that Christianity will be taught, practiced and lived in the classes.

#### **General Admissions:**

1. On the whole, children starting Grade R turn 6 years of age in the year concerned.
2. Pupils must submit a copy of their birth certificate for admissions. Foreign pupils must submit a copy of their passport and current visa.
3. Pupils transferring from other institutions to Solid Foundations must successfully pass an entrance examination for each grade.

#### **Acceptance Criteria:**

1. The school will not discriminate against any persons wanting access to our institution on the basis of race, gender or ethnic orientation.
2. The school will not take zoning areas into consideration when accepting applications i.e. preference will not be given or withheld on the basis of residential address of the learner.
3. Applications will only be considered once the enrolment form has been completed in full and the non-refundable enrolment fee has been paid in full.
4. The school will accept enrolments of special health need learners provided that supportive care in a safe environment exists to meet the child's individual needs in a developmentally appropriate way.
5. The school reserves the right to accept Grade RRR and Grade RR pupils based on an initial interview and brief verbal screening, Grade R and Grade 1 applications based on an aptitude screening test, and applications at any other Grade level based on an examination of the mathematics and English abilities of the pupil. Children not obtaining the minimum entry level requirement through these

screening procedures are declined access or may, based on the discretion of the principal, gain access at a lower grade level.

6. Although our school is Christian (see mission statement), we will not discriminate against any applications for enrolment of persons with alternative religious codes or creeds. However, families of different religious orientation will be expected to read and agree to the terms stipulated in the school's Religious Policy.
7. When making an application for access to our school, a learner may be asked to produce work samples/ exercise books and assessment records from his/her previous school as to ascertain the appropriate grade level the learner would best flourish in.
8. Preference for access into the primary school will be given to learners who have attended the school's preschool division for two or more years.
9. The school reserves the right to accept or reject application on the basis of a child's behaviour. The applicant may be required to provide references testifying to his/her behaviour and previous institutions of learning may be contacted to verify the abovementioned.
10. The school will only consider applicants who are able to understand and converse in English.
11. Preference will be given to the applications of learners who have siblings or other family members already in the institution, although this does not serve as a guarantee for access into the school.
12. The school may deny access on the basis of a poor prior school fees payment record with a previous school or in previous years at Solid Foundations.
13. Access into any grade of the school's pre-school division does not grant the learner automatic progress into the higher, following grade the year thereafter. Once in the school, the child will first need to pass an aptitude test in Grade RR and R before proceeding into Grade R and 1 respectively.