



Solid Foundations Primary School

Admissions Policy (2024/11)

Fundamental Guiding Principles

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

Admissions process

- 2.1. Parents apply online, through walk-in applications or through telephonic inquiries.
- 2.2. Pupils can be admitted at any time during the school year assuming there is space available and they meet all the entrance requirements.
- 2.3. Admissions for a year ahead open in July.
- 2.4. Prospective pupils are brought in for interviews (Grade RRR and RR) or admissions tests (Grade R-7). Pupils must successfully pass their interview/ test before being admitted.
- 2.5. Once a child has successfully passed the entrance interview/ test, the school can only guarantee placement of the child if the following paperwork is returned:
 - The completed General Enrolment Form
 - The signed Agreement of Tuition Contract
 - A copy of the child's birth certificate or VISA
 - Proof of payment of deposit

- 2.6. Based on the returning of the abovementioned documentation, the school fills up available spaces on a first-come-first-served basis. Parents should return paperwork as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Delay in returning paperwork can result in forfeiture of the space offered to the child.

Acceptance Criteria

- 3.1. On the whole, children turn 6 years of age in Grade R and 7 years of age in Grade 1 in Solid Foundations.
- 3.2. A pass mark for entrance examinations is a standardised score of 60% (Grade R and 1) and a 50% straight score for English and Maths (Grade 2-7).
- 3.3. Earlier age admissions (see point 3.1.) are not recommended by the school, as children need to mature physically, socially and emotionally to be ready for the rigours of Grade 1. Parents wishing to enrol their child into Grade 1 at the age of 5 turning 6 have to prove their child's giftedness by bringing their child in to write a Grade R admission test first. The child must score 90% or above for this test. Once this score has been attained, the child has to further prove their giftedness by scoring above 80% for the Grade 1 admissions test. The child will need to sit for both admission tests without exception.
- 3.4. 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.
- 3.5. 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.
- 3.6. The school reserves the right to accept Grade RRR and Grade RR pupils based on their passing an initial interview.
- 3.7. Children not obtaining the minimum entry level requirement through these screening procedures are denied access or may, based on the discretion of the principal, gain access at a lower grade level.

- 3.8. Although our school is Christian (see point 1.3. and school 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.
- 3.9. When making an application for admission to our school, on the rare occasion, a learner may be asked to produce work samples/exercise books and assessment records from his/her previous school to ascertain the appropriate grade level the learner would best flourish in. This evidence does not replace the requirement of passing an entrance examination to gain admission in the school.
- 3.10. 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.
- 3.11. The school reserves the right to accept or reject applications 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.
- 3.12. The school will only consider applicants who are able to understand and converse in English.
- 3.13. Preference will be given to the applications of learners who have siblings or other family members already in the institution. This does not serve as any guarantee for access into the school, and all other admission requirements will need to be met before a sibling or family member can be admitted.
- 3.14. The school may deny admission on the basis of a poor prior school fees payment record with a previous school or in previous years at Solid Foundations.
- 3.15. Admission into any grade of the school's preschool division does not grant the learner automatic progress into the next grade the year thereafter. Once in the school, the child will need to pass an aptitude test in Grade RR and R before proceeding into Grade R and 1 respectively.
- 3.16. The school may deny admission to a returning child in Grade 1 or 2 if:

3.16.1. They were previously in our preschool, failed to pass a grade (see School Readiness Policy), and were asked to repeat a grade, but opted to leave.

3.16.2. They were previously in our Grade RR, opted to take their child out of our school to begin Grade 1 at the age of 5 in another school, and wish to return to Solid Foundations after the child has begun Grade 1 in another school.