



ST PIRAN'S

Inspiring Confidence

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Introduction

St Piran's School is a co-educational, independent school for pupils from aged 2 to 11 years. The School has approximately 456 day pupils, with a maximum of twenty pupils per class at school age (from Reception to Year 6). We pride ourselves on being a warm and friendly school and wish to bring out the best in every child in our care. We aim to give each child a first-class academic education, equipping the children with 21st century skills, as well as offering a full range of sports and activities. Courtesy and consideration for others and a sense of responsibility for the school community, underpinned by Christian principles, are of paramount importance at St Piran's. As a school we are creating **Motivated Engaged Thinkers** who are Aspiring Leaders.

By the time the pupils leave the school, we sincerely hope that they have contributed as much as they can and feel a sense of pleasure in what they have achieved. It is important to foster a happy and natural relationship between pupils, parents and staff, so that everyone has a pride in being part of the School. By the end of Year 6, our hope is that children will be academically strong, socially confident and emotionally intelligent; honest, kind and always striving to do their best.

The entry procedure

Deciding on the right school for your child is very important, and we believe that a personal visit is invaluable. We very much hope that you and your child will visit St Piran's. We hold Open Days each term giving you the perfect opportunity to see the School in action, meet staff, children and current parents. Details are published on our website. We are also very happy to welcome prospective parents and their children at other times. Please contact the School Registrar, Deena McLelland, on 01628 594 302 or email registrar@stpirans.co.uk to arrange a visit.

Admissions

The initial stage of the Admissions procedure is the completion of a Registration Form, which can be found on our website, accompanied by a non-returnable Registration Fee of £120.00. Early registration is advisable. Your son/daughter will be placed on the waiting list in chronological order of registration. Siblings of current pupils are given priority on the waiting list. St Piran's School is a non-selective school; however, every child is seen by the relevant

Head of Year or Deputy Head to ensure pupils are able to benefit from our balanced and well-rounded education and to make a positive contribution towards the life of the School.

The assessment process / Scholarships & Bursaries

St Piran's is looking for well-rounded pupils with a genuine interest in education in the broadest sense of the word, with interests that stretch beyond the confines of the academic curriculum. The School has strong traditions in music, drama, art and sport. There are many extra-curricular activities, all of which are important in developing a well-balanced, confident individual.

No specific preparation for the entrance tests is needed; all candidates start on an equal footing. If the pupils reach a particularly high standard in their assessments, extended tests or assessments may be given with the aim of offering an Academic or Wider Scholarship. Scholarships are not offered to a child below Year 5. Assessments take place throughout the year. Further details regarding the Scholarships we offer can be obtained from the Registrar.

Bursaries are means tested awards offered to those who meet the School's admission criteria but may otherwise be unable to attend the School due to financial hardship. Details of our provision for bursaries can be obtained from the Head of Finance.

The usual points of entry are at Nursery, Reception and Year 3, although we admit pupils in other year groups when spaces are available.

Nursery (2-4 years)

All parents meet with the Headmaster and, in the term before your child is due to start, you and your child will be invited either into school or via a virtual system to meet with the Head of Early Years. Assessments for Nursery pupils are based on observing informal play in small groups.

Reception (4-5 years)

All parents meet with the Headmaster and the most recent report is requested from the child's Nursery School, play group or current school. All children are seen by the Head of Early Years and a short assessment is given. We may also visit a child in their current setting or invite them in to spend a morning with their current age group, before an offer is made.

Lower School: Years 1 & 2; (5-7yrs)

All parents meet with the Headmaster and the most recent report is requested from the child's current school. All children are seen by the Head of Year and a short assessment is given during a day at school.

Middle school Years 3 & 4; (7-9yrs)

All parents and children are seen by the Headmaster. The applicant will then spend a day in school during which time they will be required to complete age appropriate assessments in Literacy and Numeracy. Reports will be requested from the previous school.

Upper school Years 5 & 6; (9-11yrs)

All parents and children are seen by the Headmaster. The applicant will spend a day in school during which time they will be required to complete age appropriate assessments in Literacy and Numeracy. Reports will be requested from the previous school.

Offer of a place

The formal offer to accept the child as a pupil follows their visit and is conditional upon the Headmaster having evidence through meeting the pupil and/or assessments and reports from the previous School, that a child has reached an appropriate standard both academically and socially. Once the Headmaster is satisfied that these conditions have been fulfilled, an offer letter will be sent and a deposit of £1000 will then be payable. Please note that £500 of this deposit will be refundable against the first term's fees at school age. Pupils joining nursery will receive £500 of the deposit towards their first term of fees in Reception.

Equal treatment/accessibility

St Piran's is committed to equal treatment for all, regardless of a pupil's sex, race, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation or social background.

Religious beliefs

St Piran's welcomes applications from prospective pupils of all faiths and of no faith. Although St Piran's has a Christian ethos, the School does not select for entry on the basis of religious belief, and it offers the opportunity for pupils of all denominations to practise their own faiths. However, parents should be aware that there are compulsory assemblies throughout the week and a Friday Chapel service that all pupils in Years 5 and 6 are expected to attend.

Special needs

St Piran's does not unlawfully discriminate in any way regarding entry. The School welcomes pupils with disabilities and/or special educational needs, providing we can offer them any support that they require and cater for any additional needs and that our site can accommodate them.

We strongly advise parents of children with special educational needs or physical or mental disabilities to discuss their child's requirements with the School before he/she sits the assessment so that we can make adequate provision for him/her. The SENCO may be asked to assess the pupil. Parents should provide a copy of a specialist report, for example,

clinical/educational psychologist, Specialist Teacher, Speech and Language Therapist, occupational therapy or NHS assessments.

The School will discuss thoroughly with parents (and their child's medical advisers, if appropriate) the adjustments that can reasonably be made for the child if he/she becomes a pupil at the School. (Reference will be made to the Disability and Accessibility Policy).

Sibling policy

Most siblings join us at St Piran's. However, admission is not automatic and there may be occasions where the School judges that a sibling is likely to thrive better in a different academic environment.

Induction day

All children must feel comfortable about the transition from their current school to St Piran's. With this in mind we have an Induction Morning for all children entering Reception to Year 6 at the end of the Summer Term. This takes place on the last Monday of term for the first two lessons of the morning. Nursery children are offered two settling in sessions on the first two days of the term they join us. More will be offered if staff feel it will be beneficial for the child.

Terms & Conditions

Copies of the School's Terms and Conditions are made available to parents in the prospectus or can be obtained from the Registrar.

Complaints

The School hopes that parents and pupils do not have any complaints about the School's admissions process, but copies of the School's Complaints Procedure are available on our website and can be sent to parents on request.

Reviewed By: **Headmaster**

Date: **August 2023**

Next Review Date: **August 2024**