

Overthorpe Preparatory School. Admissions Policy.

Parents who are interested in sending their child to the school may visit on one of our open days. If they prefer they may telephone to make an appointment to look round the school during a normal school day. Arrangements can also be made for parents to visit the school during a weekend if they cannot come during the week. This is not the best option, however, as they will not see the school in action.

We do not have any form of entrance test for children who enter the school when they are younger than Year 2. If a place is available, we will accept any child into the Foundation class or into Year 1 provided that the admission form has been properly completed and a deposit of £25 paid. Children in Year 2 and above will be given tests in literacy and numeracy. We also ask to see the last report sent from their current school.

We accept any children who reach the average standard for their age. If we suspect that a child is dyslexic we will tell the parents and suggest that they should have their child tested by an educational psychologist. If the diagnosis of dyslexia is confirmed we will accept the child if the parents agree to pay for specialist lessons from the teacher from 'Dyslexia Action', the new name for the Dyslexia Institute, who runs an outpost here.

If parents of a physically disabled child apply for a place for that child we make every effort to find ways in which we can accommodate and help the child to fulfil his/her potential. If, after exploring all avenues, we do not believe the school to be capable of meeting the particular child's needs we will explain to the parents why we believe this to be so and we will try very hard to find an option which may be more suitable for them. The final decision will usually be made by the parents.

We believe that children who enter our school should be given the same opportunities to fulfil their potential regardless of ability, gender, race or creed and we will work to ensure that this happens.

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