

Saol Christian School Admissions Policy

Saol Christian School is a faith-based independent school providing education within a Christian ethos. This Admissions Policy sets out the principles and criteria governing admission to the school and is designed to ensure that admissions are fair, transparent, and consistent with applicable law.

1. Governance and Responsibility

Saol Christian School is governed by the School Administrator, who holds overall responsibility for admissions policy oversight. The Management Team (Headteachers) are responsible for administering the admissions process in accordance with this policy.

2. School Ethos

Saol Christian School operates within a Christian ethos. Parents/guardians applying for a place at the school are expected to respect and support this ethos. Admission is not dependent on religious affiliation.

3. Admissions Cycle

The school operates a primary admissions intake for the beginning of each academic year in September. Mid-year admissions may be considered only in exceptional circumstances and subject to availability of places.

4. Eligibility and Non-Discrimination

The school does not discriminate in its admissions on any of the grounds protected by law. All applications are considered in a fair and objective manner.

5. Applications for Pupils with Additional Needs

Applications from pupils with additional educational or medical needs are welcomed. The school will consider, on an individual basis, whether it can reasonably provide for the pupil's needs having regard to available resources and the obligation to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils. Decisions are informed by professional reports and discussions with parents/guardians.

6. Oversubscription Criteria

Where applications exceed available places, priority may be given in the following order: • Siblings of pupils currently enrolled • Pupils applying within the designated application period • Date of completed application

7. Offer and Acceptance of Places

Offers of places are made in writing. Acceptance of a place is subject to completion of required documentation within the specified timeframe.

8. Refusal of Admission

An application may be refused where no places are available or where the school determines, following careful consideration, that it cannot reasonably meet the pupil's needs. Reasons for refusal are communicated in writing.

9. Complaints and Appeals

Concerns relating to admissions decisions may be raised in accordance with the school's Complaints Policy.

10. Data Protection

All personal data provided during the admissions process is processed in accordance with the school's Data Protection Policy.

11. Review and Approval

This Admissions Policy is approved by the School Administrator and is reviewed periodically.

Approval

This Admissions Policy was approved by the School Administrator of Saol Christian School and is effective from the date of adoption.