

Admissions Policy Including EYFS



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(To be read in conjunction with the School's Terms and Conditions , Fees Structure, Payment Policy, Equal Opportunities Policy and SEND Policy)

Introduction

The aims of this policy are to ensure that no significant disadvantages are experienced during the admissions process by any applicants with special educational needs, and to set admissions criteria which are fair to all.

Dallington School is a coeducational Independent School with a Nursery (on the same site) with children ranging in ages from 3 to 11 years.

Dallington has a non-selective and co-educational intake and entry depends on early registration. We aim to keep the catchment area local. Most Dallington families live in Islington or Hackney and a few live in other adjoining boroughs.

Admissions Procedure

The main points of entry are in Nursery, where children have reached their third birthday, and Reception, where children are four years old.

Families are encouraged to book a personal tour of the school, via the school website, which gives them the opportunity to meet the Head of Admissions, as well as teaching staff.

The school also offers a number of Open Events during the school year, when they can learn more about the educational ethos of the school, meet the staff and have a tour of the school.

The first stage of the admissions procedure is for all applicants to complete the Registration Form on the school website and pay a non-refundable registration fee of £150.

Places are offered on a "first come, first served" basis and registration does not guarantee a place; once a place has been accepted and a deposit paid, the place is confirmed.

Two terms in advance of the requested term of entry, an 'Invitation to Visit' is sent. This is an informal hour spent in a child's prospective class for those children hoping to join our Nursery or Reception. Offers will be made following the 'Invitation to Visit'. In cases where it is not possible for the child to come and see us (because of not yet being in London) then an offer letter will be sent two terms before the entry date.

Each Autumn we admit our main intake of children into the Nursery, following their third birthday, but places are also made available in the Spring and Summer Terms.

A place secured in Nursery guarantees a place in Reception.

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The remaining places are available to registered families.

On occasion places become available throughout our school (Years 1 to 6). For 'occasional places', children are invited to spend the day with their appropriate age group and we get to know each other and a discussion will be had as to whether the school is a good fit for the child.

A sibling discount on fees is offered. Details of this can be found in our Fees Structure and Payment Policy.

The majority of children stay in our school until they move on to their chosen Secondary school at the age of eleven.

Provision and Funded Nursery Education Places

Dallington offers places solely on a full-time basis and does not offer holiday provision. However the school does offer extended hours both before and after school, as well as a number of extracurricular clubs.

Dallington follows the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and our provision and setting are annually monitored by the local authority. Children aged 3 and 4 benefit from the Government Eligibility Grant (which is revised annually) as part of our Early Years Partnership with the Borough of Islington.

Inclusion and non-discrimination

We welcome all applications to join the school. We do not discriminate against anyone, be they staff or pupil or parent, on the grounds of ethnicity, race, nationality, national origin, religion, attainment, age, disability, gender or background. Please refer to our policies on Special Educational Needs and Disability and English as an Additional Language for more information.

It is our aim to include and make provision for children of different levels of ability, backgrounds and interests, to work and play together in a co-operative and supportive way. Dallington School will comply with all applicable anti-discrimination legislation in the UK.

SEN and Disability

The school will treat every application from a child with special educational needs and/or disabilities in a fair, open-minded way.

Although the school welcomes applicants with disabilities and/or special educational needs, the school's physical makeup is limited and we need to be mindful of being able to adequately cater for any special needs. Before offering a place the school must feel reasonably sure that it will be able to adequately cater for, educate and facilitate the development of the prospective student [to the best of his/her potential]. At the point of registration we require parents to supply us with a complete picture of their child's health and educational history including any written reports written. Once the parents accept a place at Dallington they agree to continue to keep the

school up to date by supplying copies of all health and education reports and external advice. Parents also agree to seek external advice if the school requests this. This is to ensure that the school can effectively meet the needs of all children.

Bursaries

We aim to broaden access to the school by offering to eligible parents/guardians means-tested financial support with the payment of school fees.

Bursaries may be made available to parents/guardians of children in any year-group from Year 1 to Year 6.

Bursaries are awarded at the discretion of the Governors, and the School Bursar and the School Accountant are responsible for the management and coordination of the process.

Admissions Timetable

Register your child [Early registration is strongly advised.](#)

Your child is placed on entry list (1st come 1st served)

You will receive regular newsletters

2 terms prior to entry and during the second half of the term (Oct, Feb, May/June) we will invite you and your child for an informal visit.

Places in general will be offered before Christmas.