



St George's Junior School

WEYBRIDGE

ADMISSIONS POLICY

We are:

Perfectly balanced; co-educational; 3 – 18; Josephite; Catholic

Our Mission:

To inspire all in our Josephite, Georgian Family to be the very best version of themselves.

Children's Mission Statement:

“Learning to Live and Love like Jesus”

St George's Junior School is a co-educational independent school for pupils aged three to 11. Choosing the right school for your child is very important and we understand that a personal visit is key to supporting this decision.

Unfortunately, current government guidelines mean we cannot organise visits or live virtual events. However, we are always looking at ways to show you our lovely Junior School. Please contact our Admissions Manager, Leila Anderson, on 01932 839 337 or at landerson@stgeorgesweybridge.com. She will be happy to talk through what St George's can offer your family.

The entry procedure

St George's Junior School is an academically selective school. Selection is based on academic merit, with each child completing an age-appropriate entrance assessment (see below under 'Assessment' for further details).

Our selection process is designed to identify those children who are best able to benefit from our balanced and well-rounded education and who will therefore make a positive contribution towards the life of the School.

The main points of admissions into the Junior School are at

- Early Years Foundation Stage (into Lower Nursery in the term of their third birthday, Upper Nursery and Reception)
- Key Stage 2 (Year 3)

We also accept entry for all other year groups subject to space availability. Short waiting lists are often held if we are at capacity. All children applying out of the normal entry points will still be required to complete an entrance assessment and any child applying to join Year 6 will need to demonstrate an academic profile that is strong enough to pass the 11+ College Entrance Exam.

Entry into the Junior School is determined using the following selection criteria

- Passing the Junior School's entrance assessment
- The family is sympathetic to the Christian, Catholic, Josephite ethos of St George's Weybridge
- There is a sibling already in the Junior School or College or a previous family connection

Although a day school, our location means we are fortunate enough to have children whose families bring a wide diversity of backgrounds. We do not discriminate in terms of race, sex or disability. (Please see the school website for more details on children with disabilities or special educational needs.)

Families seeking further information on the Christian and Catholic nature of the school should read the Guidance Notes and school website or speak to Leila Anderson, Admissions Manager.

Admissions process

Arranging a visit

While we are subject to government restrictions on visits, we are running online open events for prospective parents. Once the restrictions are lifted, we would be delighted to welcome you to the school, either at an open event (the full Open Mornings held twice a year, smaller year-specific Open Forum or private individual visits). All families who have enquired about St George's Junior School for their child(ren) are automatically notified of and invited to all relevant virtual and live events.

Registration

Our Registration Form can be completed online at stgeorgesweybridge.com/register. Our standard non-refundable registration fee of £100 per child will apply. Payment details are available on the form.

Assessment

Entry at 3+ - Nursery

Prospective children will be invited to attend a Stay & Play assessment with our Head of Nursery, Mrs Bridgette Turner. They will be given a variety of activities to explore. We look for children of average to above average ability, who are eager and ready to learn and who have concentration and language skills appropriate to their age. As well as personal and social skills, we look for imagination and individuality.

Entry at 4+ - Reception

Most of our Nursery children automatically transfer into the Reception Year. External children seeking admission at Reception are invited in for a short informal assessment with the Deputy Head i/c Lower Years, Mrs Jackie Midmore. This involves an assessment of their vocabulary, phonic and number knowledge as well as their personal and social development. The assessment lasts approximately half an hour. Once a child has been offered a place, they will be invited to come in for an induction afternoon in the Summer Term.

Entry at 5+ - Year 1 & 6+ - Year 2

Children are invited for an assessment with Deputy Head i/c Lower Years Mrs Jackie Midmore. They will be tested in Maths and English. The assessment lasts approximately one hour and provides ample time to assess the child's academic ability, social interaction and level of engagement. Once a child has been offered a place, they will be invited for a familiarisation visit in the latter part of the Summer Term prior to entry in September.

Entry at 7+ - Year 3 through to 10+ - Year 4

Children undertake assessments overseen by the Academic Deputy Head, Miss Karen Coles. These cover English, Maths and Reasoning skills appropriate for their age. Offers will be made

only if the child's academic performance indicates that they are likely to meet the requirements for entry to our College at 11+.

Offer of a place

Your child will be offered a place if we feel they will thrive at our school. When necessary, we operate short waiting lists for certain year groups and our Admissions Manager, Leila Anderson, will contact you when a space becomes available. Please contact Leila with any questions you have about the admissions process.

Acceptance

We consider a place accepted upon receipt of the completed Acceptance Form together with the deposit outlined in your offer letter. A copy of our Terms & Conditions can be found on our website and will be sent to you with your Acceptance Form. Please ensure that you read these before accepting the place.

Special needs

We do not discriminate against children with special educational needs or physical disabilities but any offer of a place is conditional on our Learning Support Department agreeing that they can offer the child the support they require. With this in mind, we advise parents of children with special educational needs or physical disabilities to discuss their child's requirements with the School before he or she sits the entrance assessment. Parents should provide a copy of an Educational Psychologist's report or a medical report to support their request. We will discuss thoroughly with parents and their medical advisers the adjustments that can reasonably be made for the child if he/she becomes a pupil at the School.

Sibling policy

Most siblings join us at the Junior School but admission is not automatic and there may be occasions where we judge that a sibling is likely to thrive better in a different academic environment. No sibling discount on fees is available.

Bursaries

The St George's Bursary Scheme is aimed at families who would not normally consider independent education. It offers fee relief up to 100% for those applying for a place at the Junior School for 7+ entry (Year 3). Further details can be found on our website. We also run a Bursary scheme to support existing families who need temporary financial assistance with fees.

The School's contractual terms & conditions

A copy of our standard terms & conditions can be found online or can be requested by contacting Leila Anderson, Admissions Manager.

Complaints

We hope that you and your child will not have any complaints about our admissions process. However, copies of the School's Complaints Procedure can be found on our website.

The School reserves the right to change the above process and description at any time.

This policy should be displayed in:

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http://www.stgeorgesweybridge.com/further-information/school-policies-	

Associated policies:

Complaints Policy	

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