

Yorston Lodge School

Admissions Policy

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Yorston Lodge School welcomes all children and parents who agree to abide by the School's ethos. We are not overly selective though pupils need to be able to access our academically focussed curriculum

2 Aims and Objectives

- 2.1 We are an inclusive school that welcomes children from all backgrounds and abilities. On application, each child will be subject to the school's admissions protocol, which is attached to this policy.
- 2.2 All applications will be treated on merit and in a sensitive manner.
- 2.3 The only restrictions we place on entry are those of number or the school's inability to meet the educational needs of a child. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available, we enforce the procedure set out below in order to determine whether a child is accepted or not. It is our wish to allow parents the right to have a place at the school of their choice. However, this is not always possible due to a possible excess demand on the school places available.

3 How parents can apply for their child to be admitted to our school

- 3.1 As our school is an independent school, the school determines the admission arrangements in agreement with Montague Place.
- 3.2 Application forms can be obtained from the Headmistress and should be completed by the date stipulated on the forms. The school notifies parents about the school place as soon as all the applications have been considered.

4 Admission Appeals

- 4.1 If we do not offer a child a place at this school, it is because to do so would prejudice the education of other children by allowing the numbers of children in the school to increase too much.

5 The Standard Number

- 5.1 The standard number is the number of children the school can accommodate. There is no standard number for our school in each year group, although we aim to keep each class below 20. We keep this number under review and Montague Place will apply to change the number if circumstances allow.

6 **Infant Class Size**

6.1 We teach infant children (aged five to seven) in classes that have a maximum number of 20 children.

7 **Review**

7.1 This policy will be reviewed annually with Montague Place in the light of any changed circumstances in our school.