



Beaconhurst

Admissions Process

Beaconhurst admits pupils using the following process:

Junior and Senior School:

Prospective pupils attend for a two day Taster Programme. During the first day, they are paired with an existing pupil in the year group they would be joining. They shadow them for the day and have an opportunity to experience the routines, teaching and general atmosphere of the school.

On the second day, prospective pupils are extracted at points to undergo testing in the following areas:

Junior School:

- Tests to establish reading and spelling ages, conducted by staff in the Learning Support department (appropriate to age)
- Test of ability in Mathematics and Language skills, conducted by the class teacher

Senior School:

- Verbal and non-verbal reasoning tests, conducted by staff in the Learning Support department
- Tests of ability in Mathematics and English by staff within these departments

Feedback from the Taster Programme is given to the Headmaster who decides to offer a place based on the school's ability to provide educationally for a prospective pupil and, equally importantly, how positive they feel about coming to Beaconhurst. Feedback is given to parents as soon as possible once a decision has been made. After which, arrangements for the pupil to start will be made.

Junior Start:

Parents wishing to place their children in Junior Start should apply directly to the Junior Start Manager, Lorna Jackson, for details on admission.

Waiting Lists:

Increasingly, classes and year groups are full and there are waiting lists in operation. Where this is the case, a place will be offered conditional on a vacancy becoming available, at which time parents will be contacted. Places are allocated on a first-come-first served basis. However, priority will be given in cases where a sibling is already at the school.

Parents are advised to contact the school well in advance of the anticipated start date in order to ensure a place is available.

Please note:

- i. Parents must submit a completed Registration Form and appropriate fee prior to arranging a Taster Programme.
- ii. Once a place has been offered, it must be accepted in writing, at which point the school's General Regulations, found on the reverse of the Registration Form, will apply.