



## **15a. Admissions Policy**

### **5 Entry Point**

#### **5.1 EYFS**

For Early Year entry for either Nursery Class or Reception Class, admission events will take place 18 months prior to intake. This is in the form of a themed informal assessment that is held at The Lyceum. Pupils will not be formally assessed, but senior members of staff use this time to meet each family and make sure a child is physically, socially and emotionally ready to start school. Offers will be sent via email within a week of these events from the school Registrar.

To help Nursery pupils settle into the school, they will only need to be present for a minimum of 2.5 days (5 sessions) per week for the duration of the Autumn Term. After the Christmas break, we require all pupils to attend full time, 5 days per week, for the rest of the academic year to help them settle and prepare for the school environment.

When joining the Nursery, it is compulsory for children to be able to use the toilet and to wash/dry their hands independently. Nursery pupils must no longer require wearing a nappy.

#### **5.2 Taster Sessions**

If parents and pupils are unable to attend an admission event or are wishing to join us from Years 1-6, they are required to attend a Taster Session whereby the pupil will spend a morning partaking in class activities and have the opportunity to meet their fellow peers. Mrs Wyatt, our Headmistress, will then discuss with the parents their child's participation and overall success of the morning, with parents knowing the outcome of admission on the same day. Taster Sessions will also apply if parents are looking to enroll their child later within the academic year.

#### **5.3 Year 1- 2**

Providing the school has space available, prospective pupils for these year groups are invited to spend the morning at The Lyceum in their respective class (see 5.2) Children coming into these year groups do not need to take a formal assessment, but we expect them to demonstrate excellent behaviour and get along with their fellow peers.

#### **5.4 7+**

Entry at this stage is by selective process and the school must receive a satisfactory reference from their current school. The school offers three scholarships for entrance at Year 3 with the expectation that successful candidates remain at the school until the end of Year 6. All candidates will go through an interview process with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

More information can be found on the school website for this entry.

#### **5.5 Year 4-6**

Places for Years 4-6 may occasionally become available. For children wanting to join us at KS2, alongside attending a taster session (see 5.2), they will be required to sit a short online Maths and English test provided by GL Assessment. In addition to reaching the required standard in these assessments, we also request the most up to date report from the child's previous school.

### **11.2 Scholarships**

Three scholarships may be awarded as a result of the 7+ examination and interview process. Two scholarships are awarded for academic excellence with up to 15% discount against the school's fees. There is one scholarship given for musical talent and the successful candidate will be awarded with fully funded musical instrumental lessons for up to two musical instruments.

Scholarships will remain active providing the pupil maintains excellent progression throughout their schooling at The Lyceum School until the end of Year 6.