



Prince's Gardens
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

7+ and 8+

Admissions 2020
Information for Parents

Prepared for everything.

Admissions process

REGISTRATION

Parents who wish to register their child for 7+ or 8+ entry (i.e. entry into Year 3 or Year 4), should complete the online registration form which can be found in the Admissions section of the school website: princesgardensprep.co.uk. **The closing date for 7+ and 8+ registrations for entry into Year 3 or Year 4 is mid-December of the year prior to entry.**

The registration fee is £150. If you wish for your son or daughter to sit the Assessment you must have registered and paid the fee by the deadline.

ENTRANCE ASSESSMENTS

The purpose of the assessments is to ensure that the children offered places at Prince's Gardens Preparatory School will thrive during their time with us.

The 7+ and 8+ assessments take place in January. For September 2020 entry these will be held at Baden Powell House, 65 Queen's Gate. The children spend a morning with us completing a series of written, group and online tasks which have been carefully planned to assess their abilities.

Whilst there are no sample assessments available, these are broadly set at Year 2 level for 7+ entry, and Year 3 level for 8+ entry with the potential to extend your child. They will assess mathematical and problem-solving skills, your child's ability with language, creativity and their social skills. Each child will also have an individual interview in which we encourage them to talk about their experiences, strengths and to share their points of view.

The staff who run the sessions will put the children at ease and ensure they have a positive and enjoyable experience with us. Your child will be offered a drink and a snack part way through the morning.* Parents will have a short meeting with the Headmistress on this day. We also request a reference from your child's current school.

Parents will be informed in writing at the end of January regarding the outcome of the assessments.

The deadline for acceptance of a firm 7+ or 8+ place is midday Friday 7th February 2020.

If your son or daughter is not offered a firm place, we may offer them a place on our waiting list. Movement on the waiting list is dependent upon the take up of the firm offers by other candidates.

*Please inform us of any food allergies



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

A number of academic scholarships are available each year to children who we believe would benefit from the academically rigorous and innovative education that Prince's Gardens Preparatory School offers.

Children who achieve exceptionally well in the 7+ or 8+ assessments held in early January will be invited back approximately a week later to sit the scholarship assessments. These will consist of a written paper along with a group task which will explore each child's potential for creativity and innovation. The atmosphere will be relaxed and friendly and we hope the children will have fun.

All scholarships are awarded solely on merit. The School reserves the right to vary the number of scholarship awards according to the strength of applications.

Scholarships attract a fee remission of 20%. A scholarship may be underpinned by bursary assistance if the financial circumstances of the individual family necessitate it (see below).

If your child is invited to attend the scholarship assessments, they will automatically be offered a firm place for Year 3 or Year 4 entry. We will write to you at the end of January informing you if your child has been awarded a scholarship.

The deadline for acceptance of all 7+ and Year 8+ places is midday Friday 7th February 2020.

BURSARIES

Financial help towards the payment of fees in cases of proven need is available in some instances. This assistance is available in the form of bursaries which are available from Year 3 entry onwards only and vary in size according to circumstance.

Bursaries are not dependent on scholastic merit but are awarded to pupils who are likely benefit from a Prince's Gardens Prep School education and who will contribute fully to the life of the School. The pupils in question must satisfy the academic entry requirements and continue to work to capacity as they progress through the School.

Parents who feel that they may need the support of a bursary are encouraged to discuss the matter with the School well in advance of the due date of entry. Judgements are dependent on a supporting reference from the previous school, an informal interview and on scrutiny of the financial circumstances.





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