



Chard School

Admissions Policy

Date of last review:	January 2019
Date of next review:	January 2021

It is a policy of the school to allow no discrimination on grounds of race, colour, creed, gender, social background or any disability which can be fully addressed in the school.

Although there is no selection on academic grounds, pupils are expected to subscribe to the aims and ethos and code of conduct of the school. If a child has a physical disability or specific learning need, there will be careful discussion to see if the child's needs can be met by the school with reasonable adjustment where necessary. The child should always be able to work with his or her class without feeling demoralized through lack of achievement.

The school reserves the right to refuse admission to a pupil at any age if it is felt that, for any reason, the admission of the pupil would be to the detriment of his or herself, or of others. Admission of a child to Chard School is subject to the Head and Governors of Chard School reserving the right to require parents to remove permanently a child from the school, if the Head considers that the child's attendance, progress or behaviour (including behaviour outside school) is seriously unacceptable and if, in the reasonable opinion of the Head, the removal of a child is in the School's best interests, or those of that child or other children.

All children seeking a place at Chard School should be registered by completing a registration form and submitting this to the Head, together with the stated registration fee.

Reception

Children are admitted to the Reception class in the term following their fourth birthday. Priority for places is as follows:

- Siblings of existing pupils
- Children already at the Lawns Nursery
- Other children, taken in order of date of registration

Years 1-6

Children are admitted at any time if space permits. The prospective pupil will meet the Head for an informal interview. They will spend a day in school with the class of the appropriate age and parents are asked to bring copies of the most recent school reports. The Head may approach the child's present school to ask for a reference.

Class Sizes

Years 1 - 6 are intentionally small and except in exceptional circumstances the numbers are kept at a maximum of 16.

Waiting Lists

Children who cannot be allocated places immediately will be placed on a waiting list. The school will contact parents as soon as places become available.