



Kings' Schools

Admissions Policy

Philosophy

To support families and the schools and ensure that the admission process is transparent and effective, to meet the needs of all parties

Objectives

- To support the school's Vision and Mission Statement
- To support parents by enabling them to understand the admissions process
- To support the school by ensuring Kings' receive the correct information to be able to respond quickly to applications
- To ensure there is a good match between student and school for the benefit of all parties, so that needs are suitably met
- To support the school by ensuring Kings' adhere to UAE law and KHDA guidelines

Quality Control

The Policy will be reviewed annually until all Kings' schools are fully operational, with students in all Year Groups represented. The Registrar(s) is (are) responsible for the effective implementation of this policy. The review will be carried out by the Executive Leadership Team.

Introduction

At Kings' we welcome applications for admission from all families regardless of nationality, ethnicity or religion. Once an application is processed, a range of different age appropriate assessment strategies take place and offers are made based on the outcome of these assessments. Kings' caters for children with a range of additional learning needs which are considered on a case by case basis.

We do not have provision for children with severe or complex special educational needs. Places are offered based on our guiding principle, that we are able to meet a child's learning needs to provide 'the best by every child'.

Admissions duties are the responsibility of the Registrar, supported by the Admissions coordinator and Assistant Headteachers (Primary), or Admissions coordinator and Headteacher (Secondary). Any queries regarding entrance or admission should be referred to the Registrar.

Application and Registration Process

An online application can be started by visiting www.kingsdubai.com and clicking on the respective schools admissions page. The online application must be completed and copies of legal documents as requested within the application process should be submitted in person. This will include the following:

- Copy of child's passport
- Copy of residence visa as soon as available
- 4 x RECENT passport photograph
- Copy of the child's birth certificate, in English
- Copy of child's Emirates ID (front and back)
- Copy of both parents Emirates IDs (front and back)
- Latest school report (We will require the last 3 years' school reports if applying for Secondary School)
- Transfer Certificate or Transfer Letter from current school if applying from outside Dubai ([click here for a sample of transfer letter](#)) or visit www.kingsdubai.com, if transferring from outside UAE as soon as available (*A pupil cannot start at Kings' until we have received this document*)
- Transfers within Dubai certificates are produced online between the schools
- Admission Fee - Dhs.1000 (This should be made either by cash or cheque. A receipt will be issued by the accounts team.) If you are transferring from another Kings' school this fee is Dhs.500. This fee is non-refundable and does not guarantee that you will be offered a place
- **THIS FEE IS PAYABLE IN ORDER TO PLACE PUPIL ON THE WAITING LIST**

YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL ALL OF THE ABOVE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED IN PERSON.

Before you begin the application process please make sure you check our website information for year group eligibility, to ensure you apply for the correct year group for your child's age.

Once an application has been completed the school Registrar will contact parents to advise further regarding places/assessments available. School places will not be offered until a placement assessment has been completed.

All assessments are conducted in English, therefore children must be able to speak English, Kings' Schools has right to refuse any application that does not meet with this requirement.

Overseas Applications

The same steps should be followed as in Application and Registration, the documents should be submitted electronically to the registrar of your

chosen school. The registration fee can be made by bank transfer to the same. Please see our website (www.kingsdubai.com) for contact details and more information regarding overseas applications.

Waiting Lists

Each primary waiting list (applications over and above the number of places available) is capped to

- 40 for FS1
- 48 for FS2 to Year 6

If the year groups are full and a student is unable to secure a place for that academic year, their application can roll over for one more academic year. If in the following academic year they are still unable to secure a place, they will be required to re-apply.

Priority is given in the following order:

Strategic Certificate Holders

Siblings

Students of other Kings' Schools (have to have been a student for 1 academic year before eligible for priority)

Small World and Child's Play Nurseries (FS1 and FS2 applications only)

Other

Secondary school waiting lists are not capped, placement is selected based on suitability for a demanding school.

Siblings will be offered priority on their chosen waiting list, only for the school that the sibling is currently studying in. Siblings of children moving to our Secondary facilities will not lose any priority.

Children attending Child's Play and Small World nurseries will be given priority as above at one of our three schools.

If you would like to find out more about our Strategic Certificate programme please email adminmanager@kingsdubai.com.

Admissions Assessment

Admissions assessments are for the purposes of placement only. School based assessments are carried out at regular intervals to monitor progress. Enroled families can view the school assessment policy upon request.

Foundation Stage 1 and 2

All applicants will be assessed to ensure that they meet our minimum entry requirements which will enable them to access the curriculum at our schools. The parents and child will be invited into school for a play based assessment in a classroom with small groups of children. For Foundation Stage 1 or 2, the assessments will be made up of a number of observations. During the play based assessment we will look for:

- School readiness
 - Will they separate from parents?

- We have an expectation that all children will be toilet trained before they join us
- Language and communication
 - Will they communicate with adults and children?
 - Can they access a curriculum delivered in English?
- Willingness to explore and play
 - Can they share and collaborate with others?

Should the assessment be unsuccessful for Foundation 1, we will conduct a reassessment the following May (4 or 5 months later). Parents will be contacted by telephone to let them know that this is the case and an email will then be sent to confirm the next steps. If the second assessment is unsuccessful, the parent would be contacted by telephone, with a follow up email.

If a child is unsuccessful for FS1, they can remain on the waiting list for a further 12 months and another assessment will be completed for FS2. If the assessment is not successful, parents will be informed by telephone and email and removed from the waiting list. The child can re-apply after 12 months for Year 1.

Years 1 and 2

All applicants will be assessed to ensure that they meet our minimum entry requirements which will enable them to access the curriculum at our schools. Children entering Years 1-2 will carry out assessment tasks either with a Class Teacher or Assistant Headteacher. We will look at the following areas and assess focusing on age-related expectations:

- Mathematics - children will be asked to answer a series of questions to demonstrate their mathematical understanding according to
- Reading - to share a reading book of their choice with an adult and to answer questions relating to text
- Writing task - this will involve writing a short story or descriptive piece to demonstrate key skills in sentence construction and ability to recount key events
- Phonics - to recall graphemes and phonemes and apply these to reading

Assessments will be performed in a relaxed environment to ensure that children feel secure and happy to showcase their learning. The Assistant Headteacher will discuss with children what they enjoy doing and items of interest to build a whole picture of individuals.

Reports from their existing school will be reviewed as part of the assessment. In some cases a telephone call to the existing school may be required to obtain further information. Every effort will be made to get as much information about a child before a place can be offered.

If an assessment is successful the child will be placed on the waiting list until a place becomes available.

Should the assessment be unsuccessful, parents will be informed by telephone and an email will be sent with the next steps. A second assessment will be offered at an interval specified by the Assistant Headteacher (up to 12 months). If the second assessment is not successful, parents will be informed by telephone and email.

Year 3 – upwards

All applicants will be assessed to ensure that they meet our minimum entry requirements which will enable them to access the curriculum at our schools. Children in Year 3-upwards will take an age appropriate CAT4 online assessment (cognitive ability test) which is curriculum nonspecific. The online test takes approximately 2 hours. In addition, there will be a 30 minute writing task and a short meeting with an Assistant Headteacher, where they will have a short conversation about their favourite things or items of interest.

Reports from their existing school will be reviewed as part of the assessment process. In some cases a telephone call to the existing school may be required to obtain further information. Every effort will be made to get as much information about a child before a place can be offered.

For admission to secondary school we require the previous 3 years' school reports.

If the assessment is unsuccessful, the child will be re-assessed after 12 months. If the second assessment is not successful, you will be asked to re-apply.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Kings' Schools welcome applications for all children and understand that some children require additional support or consideration to access the curriculum. Across our network of schools we are able to accommodate a range of special educational needs and disabilities. Each child will be considered on a case by case basis. They will undergo our standard assessment process (if appropriate) and depending on their needs we may request some additional assessments and a meeting with our LInK team. We will only offer places where we are sure that we can meet the needs of the individual child.

Applications from the Southern Hemisphere

If accepted, these children will be placed in their age appropriate year group. In order to comply with KHDA guidelines, an assessment in Mathematics and English must be carried out at Kings' and submitted to KHDA.

Applications From Schools Teaching a Different Curriculum

As part of the British Curriculum we will place your child in their age appropriate year group (subject to assessment), depending on which curriculum your child is transferring from, this may mean that you are required by the KHDA to sign a Demotion Certificate in order to join our school. For more information on which year group is applicable for you and your family please visit www.kingsdubai.com and visit the admissions page of the school you would like to register for.

Conditional Acceptance

In some cases the school may offer a 'Conditional Acceptance'. This may be as a result of comments on reports from a previous school, or concerns

observed by the person carrying out the test. In such a case, clear conditions and a timeline will be shared with the family, and counter-signed by all present. If these conditions are not met, the school reserves the right to ask the family to remove the child by the specified date.

The KHDA

The KHDA is the school regulatory body here in the UAE. There are certain obligations of the school and its parents. As members of the school community we expect;

- All parents must provide the Emirates ID's of the students and parents to Kings' for electronic registration, no more than 2 weeks after joining.
- All parents must agree to sign the KHDA parent school contract as soon as the student is registered and the contract is ready. Failure to do so may result in your child being unable to continue at Kings'.

Terms and Conditions

Parents must sign the 'Terms and Conditions' of Admission/offer letter and provide the relevant documentation to conclude the process.

An offer must be secured within 10 days of the offer being made. The place must be secured by making a payment of 25% of the annual school fees. If you are offered a place part way through the school year fees and deposits are pro-rata'd.

The 25% deposit is non-refundable under any circumstances, but is redeemable against the first terms fees.

If your child is offered a place a deferment can be requested for the following periods:

FS1 or FS2 maximum 1 academic year

Years 1 – 6 maximum 1 term

FS1 or FS2

If you request to defer your child's place for 1 academic year no guarantee can be made that your child will get a place. They will go back onto the waiting list and re-assessed in due course.

Years 1-6

If you request to defer your child's place for 1 term no guarantee can be made that your child will get a place. They will go back onto the waiting list and your offer will be re-evaluated in due course unless the terms fees are paid to secure the place.

Transferring Between Kings' Schools

Kings' do not offer inter-school transfers but families are welcome to apply to our other schools if the year group you are requesting is open to admissions.

Transferring to Secondary School from Kings' Primary

Kings' Schools have ample allocation to accommodate all of our Year 6 cohort, from all three schools, at our secondary school campus in Al Barsha.

Withdrawing a child from Kings'

If a child is to be withdrawn from the school, a full term's notice in writing should be given.

In the case of refund and recovery, the school fees will be calculated as follows:

- If the student attends school for two weeks or less, a month's fees will be deducted;
- If the student attends school for a period ranging between two weeks and one month, two month's fees will be deducted
- If the student attends for more than a month, three months' fees will be deducted.

The value of the fee per month is calculated by dividing the total tuition fees by ten.

This ruling is applied each term.

Deposits are non-refundable regardless of attendance.