



DANESHILL SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY

**This policy applies to all parts of Daneshill School including the Early Years
Foundation Stage.**

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GENERAL

Daneshill School is a co-educational independent school for pupils from 3 to 13 years old.

The school admits boys and girls to the Nursery at the start of the term in which they turn 3 years old. Children progress to the Pre-Preparatory department (Reception - Year 2) following their 4th birthday. At the age of 7 years old pupils progress to the Preparatory school, which comprises of Years 3 – 8.

Deciding on the right school for your child is very important, and we believe that a personal visit is invaluable. We strongly advise that all prospective parents meet with the Head and take a tour of the school. Please contact, the school's registrar, Mrs Isabel Langly-Smith on 01256 882 707 or email registrar@daneshillprepschool.com to arrange a visit.

THE ENTRY PROCEDURE

Daneshill School is not an academically selective school.

Our selection process is designed to identify pupils who are able to benefit from our balanced and well-rounded education and to make a positive contribution towards the life of the school.

The usual points of entry are from 3 years old (Nursery), 4 years old (Reception), and 7 years old (Year 3). We also admit pupils into Year 7.

Although these are the more popular starting times at Daneshill, pupils can join the school at any age and we are usually able to consider entry throughout the year. Please contact the registrar for details.

Pupils are accepted on a first come, first served basis and if the maximum number of places in a year group has been reached then we employ a waiting list policy.

EQUAL TREATMENT

We aim is to encourage applications from candidates with as diverse a range of backgrounds as possible. This enriches our community and is vital in preparing our pupils for today's world.

Daneshill School is committed to equal treatment for all regardless of a candidate's race, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation or social background. The school's provision for bursaries is described below.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Daneshill School does not discriminate in any way regarding entry. The school welcomes pupils with special educational needs providing that it's learning support department can offer them the support that they require. We welcome pupils with

disabilities provided that our site can accommodate with them. However, we strongly advise parents of children with special educational needs or physical or mental disabilities to discuss their child's requirements with the Head. Parents should provide a copy of an educational psychologist's report or a medical report if they have one.

The school will discuss thoroughly with parents and their medical advisers the adjustments that can reasonably be made for the child if he/she becomes a pupil at the school.

THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Assessment for Nursery – Year 2 is based on observing informal play in small groups. For pupils joining the school in September this will take place at 'New Children's Morning' which runs in the preceding summer term. If a pupil is joining us at a different time then they may be invited to spend a morning with us and their prospective year group.

All other candidates will be invited in for a trial day and they will be asked to take some assessment papers to gauge the best class and/or sets for them to join.

SIBLING POLICY

Most siblings join us at Daneshill School. However, admission is not automatic and there may be occasions where the school judges that a sibling is likely to thrive better in a different academic environment.

Sibling discounts are available for the third child in a family. Please contact the registrar for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Daneshill School offers scholarships for excellence in:

- Academic work
- Music
- Sport

PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded on entry to Daneshill to recognise and attract exceptional talent. Scholarships are available for Year 3 entry and above. The scholar is offered a reduction in the fees throughout his/her time at Daneshill School. Parents are asked to indicate on the registration form whether they wish to apply for a scholarship. Details of the arrangements will be sent to all who express an interest.

We encourage parents of scholars who anticipate that they will experience difficulty in meeting the balance of the tuition fees to apply at the same time for one of the school's means-tested bursaries described below, when they register their child.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

These are available for entry from Year 3 and above. Entry by scholarship involves testing and interviewing the applicant. Verbal and non-verbal reasoning, reading, writing, and mathematical skills are usually tested during a morning in school.

Scholarships are held for the duration of a pupil's time at the school, provided his/her conduct and work is satisfactory.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Music scholarships are awarded on entry to Daneshill from Year 3 upwards to outstanding musicians who play any instrument or sing with exceptional ability. Candidates must obtain a specialist reference from their current head of music in addition to a reference from their Head. They will be required to perform either one piece on both their instruments or two pieces if they only study one instrument or singing. They will also need to complete a short aural test. There will also be an interview with the Director of Music. The pupil will be expected to demonstrate enthusiasm for and commitment to music and (will be expected) to make a contribution to the musical life of the school throughout their time at Daneshill.

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Sports scholarships are awarded to outstanding candidates on entry to Daneshill who have achieved an exceptional level of competence in one or more sports. Pupils will be assessed and interviewed by the Director of Sport and will be expected to demonstrate qualities of skill and athleticism of a very high order. Candidates will be required to provide a specialist reference from their current director of sport or relevant coaches. They will be expected to make a contribution to the sporting life of the school throughout their time at the school. In most cases successful candidate will have reached at least county level in one or more sports.

BURSARIES

Daneshill School's bursary programme is limited and is designed to make it possible for pupils who would particularly benefit from as well as enhance the Daneshill community to attend the school. Bursaries are usually applied to pupils with specific need or aptitude. They are all means-tested in accordance with the criteria published on the school's website. Both parents are required to provide proof of their income and assets. The level of support varies according to parental need; but can extend to 50 per cent remission in cases of proven need.

Bursaries are always offered for 12 months at a time. The family is required to provide fresh information about its circumstances for every year that their child attends the school. Levels of support may vary with fluctuations in income.

Our bursary policy can be obtained from the bursar.

FLUENCY IN ENGLISH

Fluency in English is a requirement of Daneshill School as only limited provision can be made within the school and it is recommended that extra tuition in English as an Additional Language (EAL) is arranged at the parent's expense.

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

Although Daneshill School has Christian roots, the school does not select for entry on the basis of religious belief.

SCHOOL'S CONTRACTUAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

Copies of the School's Terms and Conditions are on the School's website and will be made available to parents as part of the admissions process.

COMPLAINTS

The school hopes that parents and pupils do not have any complaints about the school's admissions process; but copies of the school's complaints procedure is available on the school website or can be sent to parents on request.