



Guidance for entry at 7+

Forest Preparatory School will offer approximately 8 places for boys and girls at age 7 for September 2026 entry.

Each of the 3 co-educational classes (24 pupils) has one full-time teacher and teaching assistant.

How old does my child need to be?

7 years old by 1 September in the year of entry.

What is the assessment procedure?

During the assessment session, the children will undertake a standardised assessment on a computer, a reading comprehension, a short piece of writing, an age-appropriate maths test and some group activity for children to meet and spend time with other boys and girls sitting for entrance to Forest Preparatory School.

What are we looking for?

- Language development and understanding
- Interest and involvement
- Mathematical understanding
- Interaction with adults and peers
- Co-operation
- Co-ordination and motor skills
- Maturity

We want to ensure that Forest will be the best place for your child and if we feel they are and will be ready for the type of education that we offer at Forest.

For this reason we would request you do not specifically prepare your child for the assessment procedure.

The schoolwork your child will be undertaking in numeracy and literacy at their current school in Year 2, is the correct preparation for this examination. We do not recommend extra tuition.

Our computer-based assessments are specifically designed so that children cannot prepare for them as it is important to us that children enjoy the level of the work at Forest School and are happy, confident learners. We need to be able to assess that this is the case and not a consequence of a child having received extra tuition.

Offers & Acceptance

Offers will be emailed on Thursday 12 February 2026, and places must be accepted by the deadline given, accompanied by a deposit.

A small number of candidates who meet the entrance criteria, but who are not initially offered places, may be offered a place on a short waiting list. The status of each candidate on the waiting list can usually be confirmed by the end of Lent Term.

Due to the limited number of places available, there is no appeal procedure; we do take great care in our selection process. Places are limited, and when a child is not offered a place, this does not necessarily indicate a lack of ability or potential. Many candidates successfully re-apply for entry at 11+, where the number of places available is significantly greater.

Siblings

The competitive entry procedure to the School means that each child is assessed on his or her individual merits, relative to all other candidates applying in that particular year.

Whilst we appreciate the desire to keep families together, parents should be aware that there is no guarantee or expectation that a sibling will be offered a place.

Key dates for 7+ entry September 2026

Open Morning
Saturday 20 September 2025

Closing Date for Registrations
(Midday) Monday 17 November 2025

7+ Assessments
Thursday 11 December 2025

Offers Emailed
Thursday 12 February 2026

Deadline for Acceptance of Offer
(Midday) Friday 6 March 2026

Other useful information

The School day is from 8.30am - 3.40pm. Pupils are welcomed to their classrooms from 8.00am and supervised in the playground after school until 4.15pm.

An extended School day is available (an extra charge applies) with **Breakfast Club** from 7.30am - 8.00am and **After School Care** from 4.00pm - 6.00pm.

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