



Eaton Square Senior School Admissions Policy

Eaton Square Senior School is a co-educational, independent day school, located in a beautiful Grade I listed building opposite Hyde Park. We are based in the heart of London, a stone's throw from the hundreds of acres of green space afforded by the Royal Parks.

Aims

- 1.1 This policy is aimed at parents of prospective pupils to Eaton Square Senior School and sets out our admissions requirements for children aged 11-16 years.
- 1.2 The aim of the policy is to identify and admit pupils who will benefit from an academic education and who will contribute to and benefit from the ethos and activities of our community.

2 Equal treatment

- 2.1 We welcome pupils from many different ethnic and racial groups, backgrounds and creeds. Human rights and freedoms are respected but must be balanced with the lawful needs and rules of Eaton Square Senior School's community and the rights and freedoms of others. All candidates for admission will be treated equally, irrespective of their, or their parents' race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, orientation, property, birth or other status.

2.2 Disability and Special Educational Needs

- 2.2.1 Eaton Square Senior School currently has limited facilities for the disabled. However, the School will do all that is reasonable to comply with its legal and moral responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 and Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001, in order to accommodate the needs of applicants who have disabilities for which, with reasonable adjustments, the School can cater adequately.
- 2.2.2 The School needs to be aware of any known disability or special educational need which may affect a pupil's ability to participate in the admissions procedure and take full advantage of the education provided at the School. Parents of a child who has any disability or special educational needs should provide the School with full details prior to the admissions procedure or at registration.
- 2.2.3 Eaton Square Senior School needs this information so that, in the case of any child with particular needs, the School can assess those needs and consult with parents about the adjustments which can reasonably be made to ensure that the application procedure is accessible for the pupil and that Eaton

Square Senior School can cater adequately for the pupil should an offer of a place be made.

- 2.2.4 Eaton Square Senior School will do all that is reasonable to ensure that the information and application procedure is accessible for disabled candidates and will make such reasonable adjustments as necessary. Similarly, if special education needs or a disability become apparent after admission, the School will consult with parents about whether reasonable adjustments in order to allow the child to continue at Eaton Square Senior School.

Procedures

- 2.3 If a prospective parent would like to register their child, they must complete Eaton Square Senior School's registration form and return this together with the required registration fee. Receipt of the registration form will be acknowledged by the Registrar and details of the next steps provided.
- 2.4 Eaton Square Senior School's admissions procedures and criteria are set out in the Appendix to this policy.

2.5 Disclosures

- 3.i Parents must as soon as possible disclose any particular known or suspected circumstances relating to their child's health, allergies, disabilities, special educational need or learning difficulties.

We recognise that a candidate's performance may be affected by particular circumstances, for example:

- (a) if he / she is unwell when taking tests or has had a lengthy absence from his / her school;
 - (b) if there are particular family circumstances such as a recent bereavement;
 - (c) if there is a relevant educational history, for example education outside the British system;
 - (d) if the candidate has a disability or learning difficulties;
 - (e) if English is not the candidate's first language.
- 3.3ii In any of these cases, we may request further information such as a medical certificate or educational psychologist's report and any associated correspondence or details from the pupil's current school (including samples of work) or any family history of dyslexia, as we consider necessary to make a fair assessment.
- 2.6 **Age of child:** Very occasionally, we may offer places to pupils one year ahead or behind their standard year group, if we consider, as a matter of professional judgement, that this would be in the best interests of the pupil and Eaton Square Senior School.

2.7 **Oversubscription:** Where Eaton Square Senior School is oversubscribed, if we need to decide between two or more candidates who meet our admission requirements, after all appropriate allowances and special consideration has been given, we may give preference to:

2.7.1 a child who already has a brother / sister in the school or whose parent is a former pupil here;

2.7.2 a child with a particular skill, talent or aptitude.

2.7.3 Scholarships

2.8 Scholarships are available to the right candidates and include Academic, Creative Arts (Art, Music and Drama), Sports and an All-Rounder Scholarship. Application forms for prospective pupils wishing to be considered for a Scholarship are available from registrar.semior@eatonsquareschools.com.

Appendix 1:

Admissions procedure (changed due to Covid 19)

Most candidates will apply to join our School at the start of Year 7, however, we welcome applications for other year groups and interviews/assessments will be arranged in accordance with available spaces. All pupils at our Prep School, must register, book in for an assessment and a zoom Interview, and have a favourable report from their Head to confirm entry.

It is never too early to register for entry. Simply complete and return our registration form along with a passport sized photograph, colour photocopy of the candidate's passport and (if applicable) the visa page along with a cheque or bank transfer for £150 to cover the registration fee. This will ensure that you are kept up to date with the latest developments at Eaton Square Senior School, including any changes to our admissions procedures.

The admissions process itself, and the subsequent decision regarding the offer of a place, will occur during the academic year preceding proposed entry. For the majority of pupils, this will be Year 6. In September, we will write to parents of registered pupils to invite them to an interview and assessment session. We hold a number of these between December, January, and February.

The entrance assessments are a CAT or ISEB assessment and will be conducted at your child's current school. Interviews will be conducted by Zoom in January by one of our Senior Management Team.

CAT 4 assessments examine each individual's strengths and weaknesses in four main areas: verbal, non-verbal, spatial and quantitative reasoning. ISEB assessment is The ISEB Common Pre-Test is designed to provide independent senior schools with information about a pupil's current attainment and potential.

The outcome of the assessment and interview will be communicated within 10 working days of the date which the candidate takes their assessment on. Acceptances of offers must be received by the deadline specified in the offer letter (early March), together with a term's fees to secure a place. If your son/daughter is at Eaton Square Prep School, your current deposit can be transferred, and you only need to top up to reach a term's fees.

If you are an international family and only in London for a short period of time, we can arrange for an interview and assessment at another time, or via Zoom. Please contact the Registrar (registrar.senior@eatonsquareschools.com) for further information.

Pupils who accept an offer to join Eaton Square Senior School will be invited to attend a Welcome Tea in June.

Parents will always meet the Head of the School or the Principal prior to the assessment date or during the time of the assessment.

A Waiting List will be operated where the applicants meet the criteria for entry but the respective class is full. The Waiting List will be formed in order of Registration date.

Entry Points

The main point of entry for pupils into Eaton Square Senior School is Year 7 (11+), with a smaller cohort entering at Year 9 (13+). Entry to the School at other points is dependent on places becoming available. Please contact the Registrar to find out availability.

Registrations

Registration forms should be completed at your earliest convenience and returned together with a passport sized photograph, a colour copy of the candidate's photo page of the passport and, if applicable, the visa page, together with a cheque or bank transfer to cover the Registration Fee. The registration deadline can be found on the school's website.

Offers

Following assessments, offer letters are sent out and parents wishing to accept a place are asked to sign an acceptance letter and pay a deposit, by the deadline specified in the offer letter. We cannot guarantee that places can be held beyond this time scale and the place could be offered to those held on a Waiting List.

Additional Needs

When attending assessments, children who have English as their second language are provided with support where necessary. Likewise, any children with special needs are given support. We ask parents to inform us in writing of any disability which needs any reasonable adjustments to be made to our normal procedures (in order for them to be able to take our assessment and allow us to see them at their best). We are also happy to discuss a child's specific, special requirements with the parents before the assessment. These factors are all taken into consideration during the final decision making.

Character reference

Where appropriate, the Head of the candidate's current school will be asked to provide a written reference as to the candidate's academic ability, attitude and behaviour, involvement in the School community, talents and interest, and any other special circumstances such as special education needs, or a disability.

Please note that while the school carries out online learning due to the Coronavirus, we may need to use Zoom for admissions purposes. This section sets out the interview procedures that we will carry out.

Use of Zoom for assessments during period of online learning:

Procedure for Interview

- The Zoom session will be set-up by the School with the parent/guardian of the prospective pupil.
- The staff member of Eaton Square Senior School setting up the interview, must use a school email address or telephone number. They must not use a private email address or telephone number.
- Once the session has been connected, the staff member of Eaton Square Senior School (likely to be a member of the Senior Leadership Team or Admissions) will introduce themselves to the parent/guardian and to the prospective pupil.
- The parent/guardian is not required to remain on camera throughout the Zoom session, but should 'check-in' on the Zoom session on a regular basis.
- Once the interview has been completed, the staff member of Eaton Square Senior School will bring the Zoom session to a close by notifying the parent/guardian, as well as the pupil.

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