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Frequently asked questions

What are your fees?

As a state funded school, we have no school fees. We do ask for a voluntary contribution of £365.00 per year to support the bilingual aspect and our beautiful but expensive site, and we ask for a voluntary contribution for trips. Some trips are voluntarily and the parents are asked to cover the costs for their children.

My child does not speak German or French (or English), can he/she still go to your school?

Language is not an entry requirement, so the answer is yes. It does require that your child is highly motivated and will work very hard to catch up.

We live outside of Oxfordshire, can we obtain a place?

The secondary is at the moment less oversubscribed than our primary, so we would encourage you to apply. We only use our oversubscription criteria if there is only a limited amount of spaces for more applicants.

My child is bilingual French already. Does he/she have priority?

No, language or culture is not one of our admissions criteria. As a state-funded school, we look at all applications on an equal footing.

I work for the European Commission, does my child have priority?

Our school is subject to national admissions rules in the UK and has no bilateral agreement with the European Commission or Agencies.

How and when do I apply?

For a September entry in secondary, the applications need to be submitted the first week of June:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/transferring-or-moving-school>

If you move to the area during the course of the school year, you can fill in this same form at any time.

My child is German, surely you will only offer a place for the German class in secondary?

Even though this is the way the European School has always worked, as a state school we cannot make any differentiation based on background or culture, or even language knowledge until 6th form. If a place comes up in the French class, and your child has priority, we will offer the place to your child. If you accept it, we expect the parents and child to be fully behind the decision and challenge in order to tackle this language, and we will provide in-school support to help your child succeed.

If you do not wish to take the place up, you can turn it down, while remaining on the waiting list.

If we have a place in both classes, we will ask the applicant with the highest priority (based on the admissions ranking) for their preference. We will offer the other place to the lower ranking successful applicant. This means it can happen, that a child that speaks English only, but has a higher admissions ranking will take up the place in the German class, while we offer a child that only speaks

German, with the lower ranking, a place in the French class. It is always up to the parents to accept or decline the place of course.

Can I accept the place, but remain on the waiting list for the other class?

The simple answer is – no-. We do not have a waiting list for the other class. When a child enters a class, but does not speak the language, the school invests a lot in helping the child get to the right level. It will only really work, if the child and family are behind the language and fully supportive. The child will be less motivated, if it is seen as a temporary waiting stage until a place comes up in the other class. It will also be disruptive for the other pupils in both classes.

My child was in a school abroad, which year do I apply for?

The County council will allocate your child a year group based on their date of birth. Schools can opt to change the year group. Please check the table of equivalences and check with our admissions department if the year group corresponds. We can discuss together what would be best for your child. <https://europaschooluk.org/media/63617/Table-of-Equivalences.pdf>