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Admissions Policy for Europa School UK- variation for 2021-22 & 2022-23

Version and Date		Action/Notes
V1	February 2019	Admissions policy for entry into September 2020, agreed by Full Governing Body OCC consultation in 2019
V2	August 2021	Updated for IAPLAC - looked after children from outside England who have been subsequently adopted – variation required following DfE guidance Removed references to European School accreditation and reflected change in end qualification
Review Date		Arrangements to be determined annually. Any changes must be consulted on and where no changes are made, consultation is required at least every seven years

Specialist in Modern European Languages and Science

Europa School UK is an all-age (4-19) school with specialisms of Modern European Languages and Science.

To benefit fully from attending this school, children will need to become proficient in both English and one or more Modern European Languages during their time at the school.

Apart those admitted to year 12, no account will be taken of an applicant's aptitude or ability when determining who is offered a place at the Europa School under this policy. However, parents should note when applying for their children to attend this school that it is a bilingual school where the curriculum will be taught through the medium of Modern European Languages, with the post-16 qualification being the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

Admission Points

Europa School UK will have two admission points:

1) At rising 5, in Reception. (Children are admitted to the reception class in the year children have their fifth birthday and we would encourage them to start attending classes in September of that year irrespective of whether they have already reached compulsory school age.)

2) At age 16, in Year 12.

Admission Number(s)

The Admission number in Reception from 2020 and thereafter is **90** pupils organised in three classes:

30 pupils for English/French

30 pupils for English/German

30 pupils for English/Spanish

Information concerning language preference will be collected but will not be used to determine to whom the school place should be offered.

The Trust will consider all applications for places at Europa School UK. Where fewer than the published admission number(s) for the relevant language groups are received, the Trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied.

Intention to seek admission outside the normal age group should be notified to the Principal prior to an application. It will be considered by the Admissions Committee of the Europa School, taking into account relevant points in an education, health and care plan.

Oversubscription criteria

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below. After the admission of children who have an Education, Health & Care (EHC) Plan¹ in which the school is named in Section I, the criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out below:

¹ An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the LA under Section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014 specifying the special education provision, health and social care required for that child. ***Therefore, this is not an oversubscription criterion.***

- A. Children who are “looked after”² (LAC) by a Local Authority (LA) within the meaning of Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 at the time of their application, and all “previously looked after” children³ (PLAC) [see explanation below] including those who appear to this Admissions Authority to have been in state care outside England (IAPLAC)⁴ and ceased to be in state care having been adopted [see explanation below]. Evidence of the previously looked after status and/or the adoption will be requested.
- B. Children who have siblings who already attend Europa School UK and who will still be on roll at the time of admission. (Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, stepbrother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer’s partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling). Biological siblings who live at separate addresses will also be treated as siblings. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings. Proof of the sibling relationship will be required (e.g., short birth certificates).
- C. Children of staff employed by the Europa School, where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- D. Children who live closest to one of the three nodal points set out below. This will be measured using straight-line measurements. Each nodal point has a different weighting, these being: Nodal Point 1 -50%, Nodal Point 2 - 35%, Nodal Point 3 – 15%.

The nodal points:

Node 1: Europa School UK Reception - GPS coordinates: Latitude 51°39'20.44"N / Longitude 1°15'30.79"W

Node 2: Oxfordshire County Council - City Hall (New Road) - GPS coordinates: Latitude

² A 'looked after child' is a child who is either (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

³ Previously Looked After Children (PLAC) are children who are no longer looked after by a LA in England because they are subject to an adoption, special guardianship or child arrangements order.

⁴ The 2021 School Admissions Code regards a child as having been in state care outside England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

51°45'5.92"N / Longitude 1°15'40.60"W

Node 3: At the Grove Park Drive and Station Road (A338) junction – GPS co-ordinates:
Latitude 51°37'3.65"N / Longitude 1°24'35.02"W

In the case of a tiebreak being necessary within criteria B to D, a random allocation will be used.

This process will be observed by an independent person who has no connection with the school.

There will be a right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel for unsuccessful applicants.

Post-statutory Admissions 16-19

The school would be very willing to welcome students into the 6th Form, children who have demonstrated:

- a) Strong academic potential, through their Y11 exams or GCSE equivalents with a minimum entry requirement of at least five Grades 5 to 9 or equivalent including Mathematics and English Language.
- b) Linguistic capabilities in at least one of the Stream Languages offered by the school in Y12, a short test (including oral performance) may be applied for children from outside the school comparable with the test applied for those progressing from Y11 in the school.

Bilingual children and children from international school systems will be especially welcome as they will contribute to the multilingual and multicultural ethos of the whole school.