

New English School Kuwait

ADMISSIONS POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The overriding principle of admission to New English School (NES) is 'will the child take full advantage of the educational experiences offered by the school.'

Children are considered for a place at NES regardless of their gender, nationality or religion.

Children are assessed and interviewed to evaluate their suitability for the provision offered at NES.

PROCESS FOR APPLICATION

Existing and new parents will be notified via the school website and parent portal that the application period is open.

There may be a different application period for children who already have a sibling at NES. Parents will be notified of this via letter or the parent portal.

Parents are required to complete the appropriate application form and provide all documentation, as stipulated by the Ministry of Education.

Completed applications will be reviewed by senior staff members.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

KG – YEAR 6

Due to the high demand for places in KG to Year 6, only **selected** children will be called to sit assessments/entrance tests.

Places can only be offered once vacancies for the coming academic year are known.

Unfortunately, the number of places available from Reception to Year 6 is small. **Whilst priority is given to students with siblings in NES, a place cannot be guaranteed.** Parents are reminded that the Primary school has far fewer classes than the Secondary school and thus, if a family has an older child in Secondary school, a younger brother or sister cannot always be accommodated.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

YEARS 7 – 9

All students are required to take a test in English and Mathematics to ascertain their suitability for the rigour of academic courses.

Provision is made for overseas students with little knowledge of English to help them acquire the skills necessary to study in the English language.

All students will be expected to provide a copy of their school report from their previous school. Where a student is applying from another school in Kuwait the headteacher of the previous school may be contacted for a reference regarding behaviour.

YEARS 10 – 11

Students will be required to fulfil all of the above requirements and their suitability for IGCSE courses will be ascertained especially with regard to accelerated programmes.

YEARS 12 – 13 (LOWER 6 & UPPER 6)

Students who have completed Year 11 in the British system of education will be required to have achieved 5 passes at IGCSE with a minimum of grade B in subjects they intend to pursue at AS and A level (there can be exemptions under some circumstances). Where students are from a foreign education system – their results from that system will be evaluated along with optional testing in AS/A level choice subjects if necessary.

It should be noted that a completed application form and an assessment date is not a guarantee of admission into school.

The conditions of the school's license may not allow NES to accept children with specific learning or behavioural difficulties.

An online interview may be held with students who are not yet present in the country.

CHROMEBOOKS

All students at NES are required to bring their Chromebooks to school each day to support their learning.

Google licencing and network restrictions require that the Chromebook is purchased through the approved school provider. The cost of the Chromebook, including 3 year extended warranty and accidental damage insurance is 200KD

COMPLAINTS

Should parents be dissatisfied with the way the application procedure was managed or how places were allocated they may appeal to the Deputy Director.

Having considered all the evidence, the Deputy Director's decision is final and binding on all parties.