

Anglo-Portuguese School of London

Admissions Policy

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Information about the school:

APSoL is a 2-form primary school offering an exciting, relevant and innovative curriculum to all children underpinned by the principles of the UK National Curriculum. In addition, children get to learn a new language every day and whole class weekly music tuition. Due to our excellent language offer and our various enrichment and wider curriculum opportunities, our children are empowered to become responsible citizens with a global mindset

Admissions Arrangements:

All applicants for a Reception place at the Anglo Portuguese School of London, must list the school on their local authority online portal or paper application form.

The school has an admission number of 60 for entry in year Reception. All children starting in Reception, will have the opportunity to access a bilingual curriculum regardless of their language proficiency or starting points. APSoL is a fully inclusive, non-selective, bilingual primary school.

Admission number(s)

The school has an admission number of 60 for entry in year Reception.

The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year group are received, the Academy Trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied.

Application process

In its first year of operation, the school will process applications outside the normal local authority process for co-ordinating school offers. This means you will need to complete your LA common application form for your other choices of school in addition to a separate application for this school.

Applications for this school should be sent to APSoL Admissions at the following address admissions@angloportugueseschool.org

The closing date for applications is 15/01/2020 Offers will be made on 16/04/2020. If we have not entered into a funding agreement with the Secretary of State opening the school by that date, they will be conditional offers and will be confirmed once we have a signed funding agreement. The application form can be obtained from https://angloportugueseschool.org/en/apply/

From its second year of operation, the school will participate in the Local Authority process for coordinating school admissions.

Oversubscription criteria

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order.

2. Priority will next be given to children based on their exceptional medical or social needs. Each application must include evidence, from a medical specialist or social worker of the child's need and why they must attend this school rather than any other, based on those needs. If evidence is not submitted to the school with the application, a child's medical or social needs cannot be considered.

3. Priority will next be given to the siblings of pupils attending the school at the time the application is received. Where an older sibling is in year 6 siblings will not be prioritised under this criterion.

4. Priority will next be given to the children of staff who have been recruited to fill a skill shortage area.

5. Priority will be given to other children in order of a straight line distance from home to school as measured by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System.

Late applications

All applications received by the school after the deadline will be considered to be late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time. If, following consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

Deferred entry for infants

Parents offered a place in reception for their child have a right to defer the date their child is admitted, or to take the place up part-time, until the child reaches compulsory school age.

Places cannot be deferred beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made. Children reach compulsory school age on the prescribed day following their 5th birthday (or on their fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 August, 31 December and 31 March.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested. When such a request is made, the academy trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

Waiting lists

The school will operate a waiting list for each year group. Where the school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the end of the academic year. This will be maintained by the Academy Trust and, following an unsuccessful application, all unsuccessful applicants will be added to the waiting list unless otherwise requested.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant, they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code. Appellants should contact appeals@angloportugueseschool.org by 25/05/2020 for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on our website at www.angloportugueseschool.org/en/appeals

Notes:

Home address:

The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence.

If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address where the child is registered with the doctor.

If the residence is not split equally between both parents then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

Sibling:

'Sibling' means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a step brother or sister or other child living in the same household as part of the same family who, in any of these cases, will be living at the same address at the date of their application for a place.

Medical and Social Need:

'Social need' does not include a parent's wish that a child attends the school because of a child's aptitude or ability or because their friends attend the school. 'Medical need' does not include mild medical condition.

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