

This policy needs to be read in conjunction with the South African Schools Act 84 of 1996.

General provisions

1. It is the policy of this public school that no pupil will be refused admission on grounds of race or religious belief or financial circumstances.
2. It is furthermore the policy of this public school that any pupil admitted to the school is admitted to the total school programme and will not be suspended from classes, denied access to cultural, sporting or social activities on the grounds that his/her parent:
 - is unable to pay or has not paid the required school fees
 - does not subscribe to the mission statement of the school
 - has refused to enter into a contract waiving any claim for damages arising out of the education of the pupil.
3. It is emphasised that, in the implementation of this Admissions Policy, section 28(2) of the Constitution of South Africa will be the overriding factor in consideration of each application. The aforementioned section provides: "A child's best interests are of paramount importance in every matter concerning the child."
4. We are committed to providing an environment of excellence in the provision of academic, cultural and sporting education and activities. It is the intention of this school to provide a racially, culturally and socio-economically diverse environment.

Pupil selection

5. Where it becomes necessary to select prospective pupils as a result of applications exceeding the places available, the Governing Body has resolved that the principal will have discretion to admit pupils, and selection shall be based on the following criteria:
 - preference will be given to applicants for whom PNPS is the nearest appropriate public primary school
 - the age of the applicant in terms of the national age policy
 - the capacity of the school to provide adequately for the educational needs, language needs and special needs of the applicant.
6. If an applicant has a sibling at the school or is a child of a past pupil, we will take this into serious consideration, but these factors do not form part of the core criteria for admission.
7. While the Grade R classes of Red Roots feed into Grade 1 of PNPS, attending Grade R at Red Roots does not automatically lead to admission to PNPS.

Capacity of the school

8. The education needs, safety and well-being of the pupils are of paramount importance in determining the capacity of the school.
9. The capacity of the school shall be limited to 476 pupils, i.e. 34 pupils per class. In reaching a decision on this figure, the Governing Body has taken into account all relevant factors including, but not limited to:
 - the number of available teachers supplied by the WCED
 - teachers' space requirements including areas for their administration needs
 - the number of designated, suitably sized classrooms
 - the requirements set out in the Health and Safety Act
 - the need for space for sport, learning support and cultural programmes and activities to take place
 - provision for continued space for the library, drama and computer rooms, music rooms, the school hall, the technology room and the workshop currently in existence
 - the need for workspace to support the educational process by providing designated and exclusive space for the management and administration of the school, a staff workroom and a staff common room.

Language of instruction

10. In terms of Section 6(2) of SASA, the Governing Body of a public school may determine the language policy of that school. The governing body of this school has, in its language policy, determined that the school will be a single medium school and that the language of instruction will be English. Accordingly, pupils admitted to the school will need to be sufficiently proficient in English so as not to prejudice their academic progress.

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