

## **The Admissions Policy**

South View School is a co-educational, British-curriculum school. We follow the British Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, leading into the National Curriculum of England and Wales, adapted for an international setting. This allows us the freedom to inspire all students with creative topics, whilst being able to track progress and celebrate success.

The academic year runs from August to July, but children may be admitted to SVS during the course of the academic year, should a place become available and subject to KHDA regulations. We welcome children of all nationalities, religions and backgrounds and we celebrate the diversity of Dubai. SVS is committed to the international and inclusive vision of the UAE.

### **Admissions Process**

Applicants will undergo an admissions assessment. This assessment will allow us to understand the general academic level of each child. We pride ourselves on knowing our children and our Principal and Admissions team may ask to meet with parents, prior to, or following assessment, in order to learn more about a child's previous education, experiences and ability. Students who are already in the primary phase at South View School are not required to undergo an assessment to transition into the secondary phase.

For applicants applying for FS1 to Year 1, the assessment will consist of a 'stay and play' session with a teacher.

For applicants applying for Year 2 and beyond, the applicant will complete a CAT4 assessment. They may also be asked to complete some written tasks with the support of a class teacher.

1. Parents are required to complete the online application form and submit most recent Nursery or School report.
2. Once received, parents will be contacted by our Admissions Team to process the non-refundable Application Fee.
3. Once received, students may be invited in for an assessment and further documentation may be requested.
4. An offer letter will be sent in writing.
5. Upon acceptance of an offer, parents will be requested to come to school to pay the 10% **deposit** to **registration** of their child's fee.

Application forms can be submitted via the school's website:

<https://southviewschool.com/admissions/application-form/>

### **Inclusion at SVS**

South View School welcomes students of determination and is committed to and guided by the Dubai Inclusive Education Policy Framework and the Directives and Guidelines for Inclusive Education. Before we offer a place to a child, we attempt to ensure that the child will be able to access the curriculum. However, we reserve the right to reject an application in the case that the needs of that individual are so great that they cannot be met by our provision. This decision would be made with the very best interests of everyone concerned, with the interest of the child being of paramount importance. The School's admissions policy adheres to the stipulations of:

- The UAE Federal Law No 29 of 2006 concerning the Rights of People of Determination
- The Dubai Law No 2 of 2014 concerning the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the Emirate of Dubai
- The UAE Executive Council Resolution No. (2) of 2017 Regulating Private Schools in the Emirate of Dubai.

Parents of Students of Determination must submit complete information about the student's SEND at the time of application – including copies of all medical, psychological or educational assessments/reports as well as IEPs (Individual Education Plans). Where no specific SEND has been diagnosed or established, parents are still required to inform the school of their child's overall learning needs and provide any other information that may be relevant for their education provision.

Applications will be referred to the school's Head of Inclusion for initial assessment. This may also include applications from students who have English as an additional language. The assessment will help to gain an insight as to where their academic abilities currently are and what additional support may be required in the school to ensure barriers to learning are minimised. Parents may meet with the Head of Inclusion to discuss the planned provision for the child and if any other recommendations are made.

### **Priority Applicants**

Students of Determination who are siblings are given priority for all waitlists. All siblings applications for Students of Determination must be received before the end of February in Term 2 of the year prior to the child commencing school.

For Foundation Stage only, certain applicants will be given priority, as follows:

- Nursery priority – students already enrolled at The Wonder Years Nursery for a minimum of one term, at the time of application.
- Sibling priority - siblings of existing SVS Primary students

In order to qualify for sibling or nursery priority, the relevant application must be received by the school by the end of February in Term 2 of the year preceding the academic year for which the application is being made. Any applications received after this date will not qualify for nursery or sibling priority and will be placed onto our usual waiting list.

### **Working in Partnership with Parents**

At SVS, we believe that working in partnership with parents is key to enabling our children to achieve their full potential. Honest and open communication is the foundation of any relationship, particularly those which involve children. We encourage all parents to give us as much information as possible to help us best understand their child. The more we know about your child's likes, dislikes, interests, abilities, skills, needs and ambitions, the better placed we will be to help them settle into school life at SVS and subsequently, maximise their learning opportunities. Each child is individual and unique and any worries or concerns parents may have are best shared with the school.