



SWEET VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSION POLICY

PREPRIMARY / GRADE R (RECEPTION)

The following are the selection criteria for Grade R as set by the Governing Body of our school:

- Sweet Valley Pre-Primary is a private section of our school. **First consideration will be given to siblings of our current learners, but acceptance is not guaranteed.**
- Sweet Valley adheres to Christian principles and teachings. No child shall be precluded from being a learner at our school on the basis of race, colour, creed or religion.
- Children attending the Sweet Valley Pre-Primary are not automatically enrolled for grade 1 in the Sweet Valley Primary School.
- The child must be proficient in the language medium of the school, i.e. English.
- The child must be age appropriate for grade R, i.e. 5 turning 6 during the course of the grade R year.
- The maximum number of learners per grade R, as stipulated by the Governing Body of the school, is 50, i.e. 25 learners per class.
- Applications for Pre-Primary should be submitted 2 years in advance, i.e. when school re-opens at the beginning of the year the child turns 4 years of age. All necessary documents must be attached to the application form otherwise it will be deemed incomplete and not processed.
- We recommend that parents also interested in grade 1 apply for grade 1 at the same time as they apply for Pre-Primary by handing in two separate forms together with the supporting documents required attached to each form.
- Once all siblings have been accommodated, if there is space available, applications from within our catchment area will be given first consideration in the order in which they were received. Only thereafter can consideration be given to those applicants living outside of our catchment area.
- The enrolment is usually finalized by the end of May in the preceding year.
- We advise that parents who do not yet have children at our school apply to one of the recognized registered pre-primary schools in our area for their child's grade R (reception) year.

GRADE ONE

- The following are the selection criteria for grade 1 as set by the Governing Body of our school:
- Sweet Valley adheres to Christian principles and teachings. No child shall be precluded from being a learner at our school on the basis of race, colour, creed or religion.
- The child must be proficient in the language medium of the school, i.e. English. The child must be age appropriate for the grade 1, i.e. 6 turning 7 during the course of the grade 1 year.

- The maximum number of learners in grade 1, as stipulated by the Governing Body of the school, is 120 learners, i.e. 30 learners in each of the 4 classes.
- First consideration will be given to siblings of current learners but acceptance is not guaranteed.
- Thereafter consideration will be given to those children who are **permanently resident** in the School's catchment area and if the application is timeously received. All necessary documents must be attached to the application form otherwise it will be deemed incomplete and not be processed.
- Applications for Grade 1 can be submitted when school re-opens at the beginning of the year the child turns 4 years of age.
- The enrolment is usually finalized by the end of May in the preceding year.
- Applications received after the end of May from people living in our catchment area are placed on a waiting list. Consideration will be given to these applicants if space becomes available due to cancellations or deferments later on in the year.
- Consideration will be given to applicants who are not permanently resident in the School's catchment area only once those applications from people living permanently in the catchment area have been processed.
- Applicants, whether living in or out of our catchment area are not granted automatic acceptance. **Admission is at all times at the discretion of the Headmaster and the Governing Body of our school.**

GRADES 2 - 7

- The following are the selection criteria for grades 2 – 7 set by the Governing Body of our school:
- Sweet Valley adheres to Christian principles and teachings. No child shall be precluded from being a learner at our school on the basis of race, colour, creed or religion.
- The child must be proficient in the language medium of the school, i.e. English. The child must be age appropriate for the grade for which admission is sought.
- The application must be timeously received, i.e before the end of the 3rd term of the year preceding date of admission. All necessary documents must be attached to the application form otherwise it will be deemed incomplete and not be processed.
- Applications for grades 2 – 7 will be processed in the final term of each year once it has been established whether there will be space available for the following year.
- The maximum number of learners in each grade, as stipulated by the Governing Body of the school, is 120 learners. If, however, further applications are received ***from residents within our catchment area, these can be considered, but at no time may the number of learners per grade exceed 128.***
- Consideration will be given to siblings of current learners residing within or outside the catchment area, but acceptance is not guaranteed.
- Applications received from people living in our catchment area will be placed on a waiting list until the beginning of the new year.
- Consideration can only be given to applicants who are not permanently resident in the School's catchment area once those applicants living permanently in the catchment area have been accommodated.

- Applicants, whether living in or out of our catchment area, are not granted automatic acceptance. **Admission is at all times at the discretion of the Headmaster and the Governing Body of our school.**

The catchment area is defined as that geographic area within which Sweet Valley Primary School is the nearest state English primary school to the home, when the distance is measured along a public road by the shortest route possible. Please consult an area street guide or speak to the admissions secretary to establish whether you fall into the catchment area.