

Guidelines for Entry to our Lower School (Years 1-6)

Application Form

- Submission of our online 'Application for Admission' form by following this link:
www.stcatherines.gr/application-for-admission-form

Supporting documents *to be sent by email to the Admissions Team admissions@stcatherines.gr*

1. **Passport:** Documentary proof of date of birth and nationality (*copy of passport details page or birth certificate*).
2. **Application fee** (€200 per child). *This is non-refundable and goes towards the administrative costs of the application. The school's bank account details are available on the second page of the attached fee schedule*.
3. **School Report:** Where the child is already attending pre-school, we require a report from that school.
4. **Confidential Reference:** Written consent, by email, allowing us to contact your child's current school for a confidential reference (*please include the school's email address as well as the referee's contact name*).
5. **Photo:** A recent informal photograph of your child (*not a passport picture*).

Extra requirements

- **Entry Tests:** Candidates for our **Year 3 and above** are required to sit our age-appropriate skills-based entry tests in English, Mathematics and Non-Verbal Reasoning. For candidates living abroad, the tests can also be administered and supervised by the applicants' current school.
- **In-School Assessment:** Our Year 1 applicants are required to attend a half-day (9am to 1pm) in class. Our Year 2 applicants and those who have passed their entrance tests from Year 3 and above, are required to spend a whole school day in class (9am to 3pm) as part of their assessment. The school may request a second day in class if deemed necessary. For candidates living outside Greece who cannot attend a day in class, the school reserves the right to withhold a final decision until meeting the child.
- Lower School applicants are asked to prepare a short introductory composition and video to be emailed to the Admissions Team (more details on the following page of this document).

Procedure

- Parent(s) to attend a scheduled Lower School Welcome Tour for prospective families (during term time).
- Submission of application form and supporting documents.
- Completion of entry tests and In-school observation.
- School's official decision to be communicated to parents, in writing.

Criteria

Our Admissions Policy reflects certain criteria, and where a place is available, preferential consideration will be given to those applicants who can fulfil all or most of these:

- Nationality: British, Australian, Canadian, or other Commonwealth country.
- Dual nationality (any two countries).
- Suitable English language capability.
- Sufficient academic ability and good behaviour.
- Sibling currently in the school.
- Sibling or parent previously studied in the school.
- Timely date of application.

A decision will be made based on all the above and any decision/ offer will be confirmed in writing. Please note that all offers of places are made at the complete discretion of the school and there is no unconditional entry into St. Catherine's British School. A child's place is not guaranteed with the submission of their application, only if an offer is made by the school to the family and the place is secured by the deadline indicated.

Lower School Applicants Composition and Video

1. Composition

Please could your child write a short composition, independently, under the title:
"My family and hobbies"

It is essential for us to see your child's handwriting, spelling, and creative thinking without parental assistance.

Year 1 and Year 2 applicants need to include an illustration to support their text.

Once your child has completed the assignment, please take a photo and email to the Admissions Team:
admissions@stcatherines.gr

2. Video

Please create a short video (maximum two minutes) for us to meet your child.

Please could they introduce themselves, in English, and tell us some interesting facts they would like to share. We also recommend they show us or talk to us about a hobby or favourite toy, book etc. It will help if your child moves around as well on the video.

Please send the video via WeTransfer (<https://wetransfer.com/>) to the Admissions Team:
admissions@stcatherines.gr

Once we have viewed the video, we will delete it.

A child's place is not secure at St. Catherine's British School with the submission of their application.