

# Valley Road School

## Admissions Policy 2025/26

*Family is what springs to mind when observing how adults and pupils are together. Caring relationships lie at the heart of Valley Road. Leaders make sure that pupils' individual personalities are brought to the fore. Pupils are eloquent and zestful. They eagerly welcome visitors and can talk at length about how they enjoy learning.*

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Valley Road is designed to provide a broad and balanced education that meets the needs of all pupils and gives them the skills, knowledge and understanding to prepare them for their future lives.

We ensure that academic success, creativity and problem solving, reliability, responsibility and resilience, as well as physical development, well-being and mental health are key elements that support the development of the whole child and promote a positive attitude to learning.

Pupils from all over the Henley-on-Thames and the surrounding area are welcome to attend Valley Road, in accordance with Oxfordshire County Council Policy.

The school admits children as rising fives - children are admitted in September during the year in which they turn five.

We strongly suggest that all parents visit the school during the school day. You will be shown round personally by the Headteacher for a half-hour visit where you will be able to experience the ethos at first hand in a natural and spontaneous way. We recognise your child is the most important thing in your life and if they are happy, they will learn. Visits can be arranged by contacting the school office for an appointment on 01491 573784 or [office.2512@valley-road.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2512@valley-road.oxon.sch.uk)

1. Children who are "looked after" (LAC) by a Local Authority (LA) within the meaning of Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 at the time of their application, and all "previously looked after" children (PLAC) including those who appear to have been in state care outside England (IAPLAC) and ceased to be in state care having been adopted.
2. Children who live in the designated area and have a brother or sister on roll at the time of application who will still be attending at the time of entry.
3. Children who live in the designated area
4. Children who have a brother or sister on roll at the time of application who will still be attending at the time of entry but live outside the designated area.
5. All other children who do not live in the designated area and also do not have a brother or sister on roll at the time of application who will still be attending at the time of entry.

A full copy of the Admission Rules together with details of how to apply for a school place online can be found at the following website:

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/starting-school>

The admissions office can be contacted via telephone at 01865 815175.

Parents have the right to appeal to an independent panel against any school admission decision.