



Admissions Policy

Step 1: A parent/guardian registers for an online open morning.

Step 2: A child and parent/guardian attends an online open morning, where time is provided for feedback and queries.

Step 3: If the Learning Community and the child and parents are satisfied, an interview is arranged between lead teacher, child and parents or guardians. Parents are requested to send:

- Past reports if the child has previously attended school.
- Examples of work, particularly writing, maths and art, or anything else the child wishes to show.
- Evidence of any special needs if appropriate.
- Documentation around any Educational Health Care Plans if appropriate.

Our staff then evaluate if the Learning Community can meet the child's academic, social and emotional needs.

Step 4: On acceptance at the interview, a family interested in their child entering TLC can arrange a try-out, providing there is a place available in the child's year-group. Prospective parents and students will be provided with:

1. **Consent Forms**, to be completed and returned before the start of the try-out, for student trips & medicine and for photographs and moving images.
2. The terms and conditions of the Learning Community.

Try-out period

During the try-out period, we are looking to answer the following questions positively:

- Does the child show an interest in learning and do we believe they will take advantage of the environment at the learning community?
- Do we believe that they are, or have the potential to become, a positive individual who will respect others?
- Do they show some understanding of our ethos and display a willingness to participate in the democratic structure of the Learning Community?
- Do they want to learn, will they respect others and do they understand (relative to age and experience) the Learning Community's philosophy?

The child is then either offered a place, denied a place, or given more try-out time if the Learning Community meeting believes that greater exposure to the Learning Community will help them appreciate our principles.

The offer of a place is conditional on the Learning Community being satisfied that the parents will be willing and able to meet the Learning Community fees. A returnable deposit is required according to the number of days the child attends every week.