

Admissions Assessment Protocol for the Primary International Section

The purpose of the assessment process is to identify children who demonstrate the potential and commitment to thrive in bilingual education and who will contribute and benefit from our programme. Children from CP to CM2 will be assessed, see below the different test requirements.

The aim of the test is to assess the linguistic level of all new and returning students to the Section. This should be at the level of a native, or near native speaker of a similar age.

NB The testing process applies to all potential pupils including native speakers from anglophone countries.

The bi-lingual programme in the primary section is a challenging educational process which requires academic ability, motivation and commitment. This is important to consider before making an application.

Testing is normally carried out in March and April although further testing on an individual basis may be carried out later in the school year to allow for families moving into the area for work purposes, this is subject to places still being available. Following the initial application we make contact to organise the English based assessment test (see the dates for this academic year below). A result based ranking is established for every year group and places offered on that competitive basis.

We carry out the assessment onsite where possible and communicate the results to the Mairie of Colomiers. It is the Mairie who makes contact and confirms the offer of a place to families. Please be aware the potential pupil will also need to have a good level of French to access the French curriculum successfully.

For non-francophone families the potential pupil will need to be assessed by ENAF and they will be assigned a local school which offers a UPE2A class, please note Simone Veil School does not offer this facility. Should an Enaf test be required, families need to organise it directly in liaison with Colomiers Mairie & the Rectorat.

Primary Class numbers for our Section International classes:

12 children per class maximum in CP, CE1 and CE2

15 children per class in CM1 and CM2

The assessment process for students in France:

The test dates for the 2021-2022 academic year are:

- **CE2, CM1 and CM2 - 24th March**
- **CP and CE1 - 31st March**

The onsite assessment format

For a place in CP and CE1

The test involves a 15 minute oral assessment with a Section's teacher and will consist of looking at and discussing books from the reading scheme. The aim will be to check that the child understands and can answer questions about the story, the characters and can talk in more detail about the main themes in the text. We do not assess writing as students are at very different stages of development at that age.

For a place in CE2 to CM2 – There will be two parts to the assessment process:

- A written test which will consist of three parts; reading comprehension, grammar, spelling and punctuation check and story writing, choosing one option from three possible themes related to the subject matter of the test. (1 hour)
- Oral Interview – a general discussion with a Section teacher. Possible questions will include a general discussion about the child's likes and dislikes, their favourite books and why they want to join the scheme.(10 minutes)

Assessment for prospective students living abroad

- Students wishing to sit the test remotely will need to do so at their current school. The families must provide the contact details for the school and the test will be sent directly at the establishment. This will need to be conducted under normal test conditions and the completed papers scanned and returned to the main office at Victor Hugo.
- Full details of how to administer the test will be sent to the contact school.
- The oral interview will be conducted via video conferencing, for example using Skype or Whatsapp and this can either take place at the home of the prospective pupil or at their current school.
- Applicants for CP/CE1 will have an oral test as highlighted above via video conferencing.

Year groups in France run from January to December

Equivalent year groups:

French Year	UK Equivalent
CP	Year 2
CE1	Year 3
CE2	Year 4
CM1	Year 5
CM2	Year 6

The communication of results for the integrated scheme

All students will be ranked on their performance. If a place is available it should therefore be offered to the highest students in the ranking. In case places would not be available, we would automatically put all successful candidates on a waiting list according to their original ranking. Results will be sent to Colomiers's Mairie team who will directly make contact with the families to let them know if their child is offered a place or not. Please note that test results and rankings will not be published.

All testing for the next academic year (2021-2022) must be completed by: **30th April 2021.**

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