

## **Schools Access Scheme September 2024 Entry**

#### **Guidance for Heads, Bursars and Registrars**

The Schools Access Scheme is designed to allow children from families which would never have the resources to pay for an IAPS school education to benefit from the opportunities such an education provides. It is not designed to help middle-income families who cannot afford full fees: most applicants would have qualified under the pupil premium in maintained schools.

Each school must be prepared to match the funding of the SAS scheme, usually 50% of the school fees.

## **Key Dates**

Autumn Term 2023 Schools identify potential applicants and assist families with

applications.

End of January 2024 All applications received electronically by itrust Grants Secretary

(itrustgrants@gmail.com).

February 2024 Scrutiny committee shortlists applicants.

Schools informed if their candidate has been shortlisted or not, so

they can inform parents.

Bursary Administration Limited (BAL) check applications, including a

home or virtual visit.

March 2024 itrust Board selects successful applicants.

Schools informed if their candidate has been successful or not, so

they can inform parents.

September 2024 Pupils join school.

February 2025 (and subsequent years) Annual Financial Review by BAL/school

March 2025 (and subsequent years) Where appropriate, itrust Board confirms award continues in

following year.

End of the summer term 2025 School sends a copy of the pupil's report



# **Applications**

To apply, the school must send:

- a. Application form completed by parents.
- b. A parental letter of application.
- c. The school's current fee list.
- d. A Head's email confirming:
  - i. They personally support the application, setting out why this pupil will benefit particularly.
  - ii. Financial support offered by the school (SAS will only match-fund).
  - iii. The pupil will be entering the lowest year group in this (section of the) school, normally Reception or Year 3 in England (unless there is a compelling reason why this is not the case).
  - iv. The school will continue support until normal transfer age to senor school (11 or 13).

### **Examples**

Over the last eight years, itrust has been able to support 22 pupils through the Schools Access Scheme. Brief, anonymised biographies are available on the IAPS website at https://iaps.uk/about/sas-current-pupils/