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### General

Moreton Hall is a non-selective Catholic, co-educational, independent school for pupils from ages 5 to 13. About one quarter of the children are Catholic. The school has over 110 pupils, of whom over 10% are boarders.

### The Entry Procedure

Moreton Hall is a non-selective school. Admission is based on an interview at the school with the Headmaster and references from the candidate's previous school. This process ensures that potential pupils will be able to enjoy our balanced and well-rounded education and to make a positive contribution towards the life of the school.

### Equal Treatment

Our aim is to encourage applications from candidates with as diverse a range of backgrounds as possible. This enriches our community and is vital in preparing our pupils for today's world. Bursaries may be offered in order to make it possible for as many as possible who meet the school's admission criteria to attend the school; full details of Bursaries and our other awards can be gained on application to the Bursar.

Moreton Hall is committed to equal treatment for all, regardless of a candidate's race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or social background.

### Disabled Pupils

Moreton Hall welcomes all children who can make the most of the opportunities that we offer and can flourish in the caring environment of our school. Treating every child as an individual is important to us, and we welcome pupils with physical disabilities in the hope that our site accommodates them fairly.

We advise parents of children with physical disabilities to discuss their child's requirements with Moreton Hall School so that we can assess adequate provision for him/her. Parents should provide a copy of a medical report to support their request.

Each pupil with a disability requires special consideration and treatment. If appropriate, adjustments will need to be put in place. We will discuss thoroughly with parents and their medical advisers the adjustments that can reasonably be made for their child once they have accepted the offer of a place and before he/she becomes a pupil at the school. We recognise that some disabled pupils may also require specialist support from our Learning Support Department, and we would normally discuss this issue with parents before their child enters the school. Copies of Moreton Hall's SEN and Learning Support Policy may be downloaded from our web site.

Parents and prospective parents of disabled children may wish to obtain copies of our school's Accessibility Plan from the web site. This shows the ways in which we plan to make our buildings progressively more accessible to disabled pupils, parents and visitors.

Moreton Hall has an active monitoring policy and will do its best to make adjustments to take account of an individual pupil's needs, within the constraints imposed by its historic buildings on a scattered site. We are progressively introducing facilities for wheelchair users as our buildings are upgraded.

We are able, depending on need, to arrange for children to use laptop computers in classes, and, for example, for large print documents to be given to those with impaired vision

Moreton Hall has a matron so that qualified help can be summoned immediately. The Medical team are always happy to discuss any pupil's health problems with parents as well as the management of any medical condition.

Our teaching staff receive training on the learning needs of pupils with special education needs and disabilities. All staff (including teaching and support staff) are given regular training on working with disabled pupils.

### Special Needs

We do not discriminate in any way regarding entry. We welcome pupils with special educational needs, providing that our Learning Support Department can offer them the support that they require. We welcome pupils with physical disabilities provided that our site can cope with them. However, we advise parents of children with special educational needs or physical disabilities to discuss their child's requirements with Moreton Hall as part of their entrance interview so that we can make adequate provision for him/her. Parents should provide a copy of an Educational Psychologist's report or a medical report if necessary.

We will discuss thoroughly with parents the adjustments that can reasonably be made for the child if he/she becomes a pupil at the school. We do not, regrettably, have the facilities to offer highly specialised and intensive treatment.

We arrange for pupils with identified or suspected learning difficulties to be assessed by a specialist so that we can identify the areas that require support. We offer specialist one to one lessons and help with study skills outside the normal curriculum. We work closely with the child and his/her parents and to help him/her to overcome the barriers that his/her difficulties present.

Normally, our Learning Support Department will prepare an Individual Education Plan for each child setting achievable targets. The child, together with his/her parents and teachers reviews the plan regularly, and the child is encouraged to take ownership of it and to set his/her own targets.

## Overseas Applicants

We welcome overseas pupils, who can study at Moreton Hall as a boarder provided that he/she has a relative or legal guardian living in the UK with whom he/she can stay for some weekends. However, parents of overseas pupils should appreciate that Moreton Hall does not run a short-term study programme, and expects overseas pupils to finish a complete course of study, normally a full school year or - in exceptional circumstances - a full-term. As improving their English is usually an important part of the experience at Moreton Hall, numbers of overseas students from common linguistic backgrounds is restricted.

## Fluency in English

In order to cope with the academic and social demands of Moreton Hall, pupils should be confident English speakers. Extra tuition in English as an Additional Language (EAL) is readily available and can be arranged at the parent's expense. Some children have successfully joined Moreton Hall with very limited English. Such cases require careful discussion in advance of joining the school.

## Religious Beliefs

Moreton Hall has a Catholic compass but is a community of more than one faith; we do not select for entry on the basis of religious belief. Parents should be aware that there is a monthly school Mass on Wednesday for Years 3 and above and that full boarders also attend Mass at the weekend.

## Other Cultural Needs

It is of paramount importance to Moreton Hall that the individual needs of each of its pupils are fully understood and respected. We foster an environment of inclusion and mutual respect.

## Dietary Needs

Where a bespoke diet is required the kitchen are able and happy to taper their provision accordingly. This most commonly happens on religious or medical grounds.

## School's Contractual Terms and Conditions

Copies are on the School's web site and will be made available to parents as part of the admissions process.

## Complaints

We hope that you and your child do not have any complaints about our admissions process, but a copy of the School's complaints procedure can be sent to you on request and is available on our website.