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Admissions for the Academic Year 2026-2027**YEAR ONE ONLY****Information to parents applying to YEAR ONE**

We are pleased to announce the procedures for New Admission for the Academic Year 2026-2027 at St Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai. We invite you to read on carefully as this will help in saving time and enable us to work smoothly.

As per the guidelines of KHDA, the Ministry of Education, minimum age for admission to Year One is 5 years on the 31st of December

2026 for UK curriculum schools. Children born between 01 JANUARY 2021 and 31st DECEMBER 2021 may apply for YEAR ONE.

ALL STUDENTS APPLYING TO YEAR ONE SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED FS2 OR KG1. THIS IS A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR ADMISSION TO ST. MARY'S.



**ADMISSION
Now Open!**

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Admission Procedures

Forms must be filled online using the link provided in this notice with all relevant supporting documents. Please note that forms that are not fully filled, have incorrect details and/or do not have all the supporting documents will not be considered.

Documents to be attached with the form:

- 4 passport photographs
- 1 photocopy of the passport with valid visa of the child, parents/ guardian
- Last report card from the previous school
- Emirates ID of parents and candidate
- Birth certificate of the child
- The Health Card (Immunization Card)
- The Baptismal Certificate (Christians only)

Face-to-face interviews that test a child's reading and general conversational ability will be scheduled for short listed candidates in the month of April 2026. Candidates will also be required to show evidence of writing skills at the interview.

A SAMPLE OF READING TEXTS WILL BE UPLOADED TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER THE ADMISSIONS TAB. Parents should be aware that the **INTERVIEWS** are competitive. Other factors are also taken in consideration such as those which will allow us to maintain a good balance in the internationality of the student body.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NOT ALL APPLICANTS MAY BE CALLED FOR AN INTERVIEW AS SPACES ARE LIMITED.

Those applicants who are called for an interview will have to pay a non-refundable assessment and administration fee of AED 210 (INCLUSIVE OF VAT) on the day of the assessment.

Incomplete application forms will not be considered for admissions. Students studying in a particular class will not be allowed to take admission in the same year, for e.g. if a child is studying in year one he / she will not be considered for admission to year one.

Valid Residential Visa for the child, parents or the guardian who is sponsoring is a must to consider the applications for admission process. In case your UAE visa is under process, kindly provide evidence of the same and / or an undertaking to provide the same once secured.

We regret that we will not be able to contact all the applicants individually. We will contact successful candidates through email, if you do not receive an email within two weeks of the interview, then it means that he or she has not made it through the face-to-face interview. Please do not call the school to check the status of your application. We will not be able to entertain such enquiries. **As places are very limited, parents are advised to seek admission to other schools too.**

ATTESTED LEAVING CERTIFICATE FROM THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL IN DUBAI/ OTHER EMIRATES MUST BE SUBMITTED AFTER THE FINAL ADMISSION APPROVAL FROM ST. MARYS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL DUBAI.

Please do not phone the school for admission-related enquiries.

PLEASE USE THIS LINK TO APPLY FOR ADMISSIONS:

<https://smchs.ethdigitalcampus.com/RegistrationPortal?dbConnVar=SMCHS>



Amendment to age cut-off requirements for new student admissions

Effective from 2026-27 Academic Year

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What changes have been made to the age eligibility cut-off requirements?

The age cut-off date for admission to Pre-Kindergarten, KG 1/FS 2, KG 2/Year 1 and Grade 1/Year 2 has been amended for schools and Early Childhood Centres (ECCs) that commence the academic year in August or September. For these institutions, the age cut-off date has been changed to December 31, replacing the previous cut-off of August 31.

This amendment is effective for the 2026–2027 academic year and applies only to new student admissions at public and private schools and ECCs that commence in August or September as outlined in the table below:

Age requirements for schools and ECCs that start in August or September:

Age Requirements by Entry Level				
Level	British Curriculum	French Curriculum	Other International Curriculum	Age
Pre-K	FS1 (Foundation Stage 1)	Petite Section (PS)	Pre-Kg (Pre-kindergarten)	3 years old by December 31 of the admission year
KG 1	FS 2 (Foundation Stage 2)	Moyenne Section (MS)	KG 1	4 years old by December 31 of the admission year

KG 2	Year 1	Grande Section (GS)	KG 2	5 years old by December 31 of the admission year
Grade 1	Year 2	Cours Préparatoire (CP)	Grade 1	6 years old by December 31 of the admission year

2. What are the age eligibility requirements for schools and ECCs that commence the academic year in April?

Schools and ECCs that commence the academic year in April will continue to apply the existing age eligibility requirements, with March 31 remaining the approved cut-off date.

Age requirements for schools and ECCs that start in April:

Age Requirements by Entry Level	
Level	Age
Pre-K	3 years old by March 31 of the admission year
KG1	4 years old by March 31 of the admission year
KG2	5 years old by March 31 of the admission year
Grade 1	6 years old by March 31 of the admission year

3. When will these changes take effect?

These changes will take effect in the 2026–2027 academic year for schools and ECCs that commence in August or September.

Schools and ECCs that commence the academic year in April will continue to apply the current age eligibility requirements, with March 31 remaining the approved cut-off date.

4. Which students will be affected by these changes?

The amended age eligibility requirements apply to new students enrolling in a school or Early Childhood Centre for the first time, in accordance with the approved age cut-off dates and levels outlined in the tables above.

Students who are currently enrolled in schools or ECCs will not be affected by this amendment.

5. Do the new age eligibility cut-off dates apply to all levels?

The new age eligibility cut-off dates apply only to new student admissions in Pre-Kindergarten, KG 1 / FS2, KG 2 / Year 1, Grade 1 / Year 2 or their curriculum equivalents, effective from the 2026–27 academic year, as outlined in the tables above.

6. Can a student be accepted if their date of birth is one day after the cut-off date?

Is there any flexibility for admission?

In accordance with the Education, Human Development and Community Council's decision, **no exceptions** will be granted to the approved age eligibility cut-off dates.