

ADMISSION PRIORITY CRITERIA

Admissions criteria in order of priority for initial registration at the Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle secondary and our primary schools (South Kensington, Wix, Marie d'Orliac and André Malraux) September 2026.

1. Children of French government personnel posted to London.
Staff members' children (priority is given to those who have at least a full year contract and work at least a part time of 50%).
2. A child entering nursery or reception levels who already has a sibling at one of the Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle primary schools in 2025/2026.
A child entering at secondary level who already has a sibling at the Lycée Charles de Gaulle in Years 2 -13 in 2025/2026. However, please note that for children from a French school linked to the AEFE the priority sibling rule is only valid if that school does not offer a continuing curriculum to the pupil applying. Transfers between AEFE linked schools and the Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle are subject to agreement by both Head Teachers involved.
3. A child educated in 2025/2026 in an AEFE school outside London
4. A child educated in 2025/2026 in a state or voluntary aided school in France
5. A child studying full time with the CNED distance learning service in 2025/2026 – “Formule complète réglementée”
6. A child educated in the United Kingdom who has been registered and is studying part-time with the CNED distance learning service in 2025/2026 – “Formule complémentaire internationale”
7. Any other French speaking child

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- To establish a ranking order for children within the 1-2 priority criterias, the Lycée will allocate places based on the proximity of the applicant's date of birth to a random date, which is chosen by ballot. The random date for 2026-2027 is the 20th January. Exemple: so if the random date is 20th January, children born on the 17th will have a higher ranking than children born on the 16th. If born on the same day, children born in February will rank higher than children born in July.
- Within priority criterias 3 to 7, the same rule apply. However, for sibling applications, the fact that one of the siblings can be assigned according to this criterion (close to the date of birth chosen by ballot) will result in a sibling priority for all the siblings applying
- Admission to the British Section is by interview and test
- Admission to Wix and Marie d'Orliac's bilingual sections is subject to an aptitude test which will assess the ability of the child to follow a bilingual education from Year 2. For reasons of educational continuity, no transfer is possible from the bilingual section of Wix Primary School to the Wix bilingual section or from the Holy Cross bilingual section to the bilingual section of Marie d'Orliac
- Whatever the position and ranking of the applicant in terms of admissions criteria, entry to the French Section for pupils who do not come from a French school is subject to an assessment test between Year 3 and Year 12. No admission is possible to Year 12 or 13 if the pupil does not come from the French system.
- Our criteria list only applies for first time registrants and returning students who had to unenrol from our school due to a job relocation

¹ Allocation of places in Year 1, Year 7 and Year 11 to pupils from AEFE linked schools in London follows special procedures.