



This policy needs to be read in conjunction with the South African Schools Act 84 of 1996.

## General provisions

1. In the implementation of this Admission Policy, section 28(2) of the Constitution of South Africa will be the overriding factor in consideration of each application. The aforementioned section provides: "A child's best interests are of paramount importance in every matter concerning the child."
2. Red Roots is committed to providing an environment of excellence in early childhood development in its Grade R classes. It is the intention of Red Roots to provide a racially, culturally and socio-economically diverse environment.
3. Red Roots consists of two Grade R classes. While the Grade R classes of Red Roots feed into Grade 1 of Pinelands North Primary School (PNPS), attending Grade R at Red Roots does not automatically lead to admission to PNPS. For admission to Grade 1 of PNPS the PNPS admission policy and procedures apply.

## Pupil selection

4. Where it becomes necessary to select prospective pupils as a result of applications exceeding the places available at Red Roots, the principal will have the discretion to admit pupils, and selection shall be based on the following criteria:
  - preference will be given to applicants for whom Red Roots is the nearest appropriate Grade R
  - the age of the applicant in terms of the national age policy (5 years, turning 6 in the year of Grade R)
  - the capacity of Red Roots to provide adequately for the educational needs, language needs and special needs of the applicant.
5. If an applicant has a sibling at PNPS or is a child of a past pupil at PNPS, we will take this into serious consideration, but these factors do not form part of the core criteria for admission to Red Roots.



## Capacity of Red Roots

6. The educational needs, safety and well-being of the pupils are of paramount importance in determining the capacity of Red Roots.
7. The capacity of Red Roots shall be limited to 50 pupils, i.e. 25 pupils per class. In reaching a decision on this figure, Red Roots has taken into account all relevant factors including, but not limited to:
  - the number of appointed teachers
  - teachers' space requirements including areas for their administration needs
  - the number of designated, suitably sized classrooms
  - the requirements set out in the Health and Safety Act
  - the need for space for sport, learning support and cultural programmes and activities to take place

## Language of instruction

8. Red Roots is a single medium Grade R and the language of instruction is English. Accordingly, pupils admitted to Red Roots will need to be sufficiently proficient in English so as not to prejudice their academic progress.

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