

FAQ - Admissions

There are limited schooling options in this part of the country and DBGS has historically had limited openings, particularly in key stages 1 and 2. There is an admissions window early in the calendar year. Information about how to apply in this window appears on the school website. Outside of this admissions window, the school may be unable to accept applications.

Year placement. Except in rare circumstances, students will be placed in age appropriate classes. Children who have been placed out of age-appropriate classes at previous schools will not automatically have that placement honoured. Please refer to the DBGS age matrix here [DBGS Age Matrix](#)

Returning Students. Students who have previously attended DBGS and who wish to return must apply and submit all required forms and testing.

Siblings. Children with a sibling currently attending DBGS will be given preference for available seats; however, all siblings must fulfill all requirements including application, testing and records submission.

Waiting Lists. Once all seats are filled, waiting lists of interested applicants will be started.

If the child is not assessed for the academic year to which he/she has applied and is not offered a place, the child is required to reapply for the following school year, as the lists of potential students are reset on a yearly basis and applications are not automatically transferred to the following academic year.

Admission from Waiting Lists. As soon as the registrar is given notification in writing from a parent of a child leaving the school, the next appropriate applicant will be contacted regarding the upcoming seat availability.

Application fee. There is a non refundable fee of SAR500 due at the time an application is made. This fee will be used to review your child's application and to defray the cost of any further assessments and interviews that may be conducted. Please note that DBGS will only accept a cash payment.

How long is the assessment? The exact assessment arrangements vary by age. The testing has several components, which may include the following:

- Standardised assessment: English language skills and mathematics assessment
- Writing samples
- Child and/or parent interviews
- Observation of child in a classroom

Admissions Decisions and Notification. The DBGS admissions team will convey the final admissions decision to you by email, in May 2017. The decisions will include one of the following:

- Accepted
- Denied
- Waiting List

If my child is unsuccessful at the assessment stage, can they be reassessed?

Yes, students are eligible for one reassessment for the same academic year, if spaces are available. Parents must initiate contact with the school three months after the initial assessment date and ask about the possibility of having their child reassessed. DBGS will NOT contact parents regarding reassessment.

Will my child have an opportunity to tour the school before their first day?

Some assessments, especially in KS1, involve classroom time. Details of any open day for prospective students and parents will be published on the DBGS website.

Toilet Training. All children must be fully toilet trained at the time of admission.