



HKCA Po Leung Kuk School

保良局建造商會學校

Admission Policy & Procedures

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1. Guiding Statements

1.1 Vision

Our students will become creative, critical thinkers who are internationally minded lifelong learners

1.2 Mission

We will:

- Provide a transdisciplinary, challenging learning environment in a happy, safe and caring school
- Develop our students' confidence and desire to inquire, in order to expand their knowledge, skills and understanding
- Nurture individual interests, strengths and abilities
- Foster an inclusive language atmosphere where English, Chinese and other mother-tongue languages are valued and respected

2. Introduction

HKCA Po Leung Kuk School (the School) aims to provide a high-quality education to both local and non-local resident children. In line with Education Bureau requirements and the School's Strategic Plan, we need to allocate at least 70% of our places to those who hold a foreign passport. Local passport holders are classified as those with a permanent Hong Kong ID plus either a Hong Kong or BNO passport. Apart from this requirement, the School does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, disability, or socio-economic status. However, the School does attempt to balance the number of boys and girls in each class.

Admission and year level placement of all applicants will be determined by the School Admission Office with the Principal's approval, based on the child's date of birth, admission assessment results, previous school reports and any necessary diagnostic tests or relevant records.

We understand that children learn in different ways and at different rates. However, as the School is unable to offer a full continuum of learning support programmes, parents of applicants with additional needs (i.e. learning challenges or other related special needs) must meet with the Principal to ascertain whether the School can address the student's specific needs with available School resources.

3. Admission Interview and Assessment

Applicants are eligible for admission if the interview, assessment and document verification indicate that the School is able to meet the applicant's academic, emotional, physical and social needs. For applicants to be successful, they should have requisite proficiency in English.

Applicants accepted to the School who have limited proficiency in English may be required to enrol in an English as a Second Language (ESL) support programme outside of School, at the parents' expense, to ensure they can successfully access the curriculum.

4. Admission Priority and Waiting Pool

As long as there are spaces available, the School offers placement all year around with starting dates generally coinciding with new Units of Inquiry. Applicants will be considered on an on-going basis once application forms are received, with priority (not absolute guarantee of admission) given to non-local children, siblings, and the children of full-time staff at the School.

A waiting pool will be established when classes are full and no additional classes can be added.

5. Admission Procedures

The School determines class placement according to the results of the admission process. Applicants are usually placed in the year group according to their date of birth (1 January - 31 December), whereby children start school in the Early Years (K1) during the calendar year in which they become 3 years old. Starting from the 2020-21 academic year, we will have classes for K1 through Grade 5 and extend up to Grade 6 in August 2021. Age guidelines for 2020-21 are as follows:

	Our School	UK/ESF Equivalent	Date of Birth	2020-21 Admission
Early Years	K1	Pre-School	2 years 8 months	1 Sep 2016 – 31 Dec 2017
	K2	Reception	3 years 8 months	1 Sep 2015 – 31 Dec 2016
	K3	Year 1	4 years 8 months	1 Sep 2014 – 31 Dec 2015
Primary School	Grade 1	Year 2	5 years 8 months	1 Sep 2013 – 31 Dec 2014
	Grade 2	Year 3	6 years 8 months	1 Sep 2012 – 31 Dec 2013
	Grade 3	Year 4	7 years 8 months	1 Sep 2011 – 31 Dec 2012
	Grade 4	Year 5	8 years 8 months	1 Sep 2010 – 31 Dec 2011
	Grade 5	Year 6	9 years 8 months	1 Sep 2009 – 31 Dec 2010

- i. Parents who are interested in enrolling their child/children for the 2020-2021 academic year should complete and submit the **online Application Form** on our website.
- ii. Applicants will be invited to an Admission Interview if the application document verification shows that the School may be able to meet the applicant's needs.
- iii. Acceptance of the Admission Interview invitation must be confirmed with the Admission Office, or it will be offered to another candidate.
- iv. Following the Admission Interviews, a place may be offered.
- v. Acceptance of the offer must be confirmed by payment of **non-refundable** HK\$970* (Early Years registration) or HK\$10,200* (Primary School for the first month's tuition fee), within the timeframe specified in the offer letter, generally 5 to 10 working days. **For 2020-2021 (Note: tuition fees may be adjusted upon EDB approval)*
- vi. The Admission Office will then confirm the applicant's starting date with the parents.
- vii. If an offer of a place is not made after the Admission Interviews due to places not being available, even though the applicant meets the School's entry requirements, the applicant will be placed in the age-appropriate waiting pool according to the priority criteria stated above. Parents will be notified when a place becomes available. However, re-assessment

may be required for entry into the following academic year group.

Re-application is required when:

- i. An offer for an Admission Interview has been declined; or
- ii. An offer of a place has been declined; or
- iii. The applicant has not met the entry requirements during the Admission Interviews.

6. Admission Application

After submitting the online Application Form, School Admission staff will contact you if and when it is time to submit the supporting documents (in .pdf or .jpg format). The following supporting documents (only) are required – please note that additional documents will **not be considered** in the application process:

- Applicant’s passport (including visa status) for non-local candidates
- Applicant’s birth certificate for local candidates
- Applicant’s latest school reports for the last two academic years (in English)
- Parents’ passports (including visa status), or HKID for local candidates
- Copy of any evaluative testing reports (in English)

After checking the submitted documentation, School Admission staff will email prospective parents inviting the child to an admission interview. **At the admission interview**, parents will be required to bring the bank payment receipt for the non-refundable HK\$800 Application Fee* payment, submit a recent passport-sized photo of their child, and complete the Parent Questionnaire. **Note:** Payment of the Application Fee, which is determined on a cost-recovery basis and the user-pay principle, does not guarantee admission to the School. **For 2020-21*

7. Immigration Status

Firm offers will only be given to non-local children who are permitted by the Director of Immigration to reside in Hong Kong. However, parents of children without the proper status are welcome to apply, but should understand that only conditional offers can be made until their resident status has been confirmed.

Unless clearance is obtained from the Director of Immigration, no child will be admitted to any school in Hong Kong whose travel document/passport bears the endorsement “Visitor” over the immigration stamp. Parents of non-local children are advised to seek the approval of the Director of Immigration (www.immd.gov.hk) as soon as possible for entry to the Hong Kong of the child in question, for the purpose of study.

8. Payment of Tuition Fees

Annual tuition fees for 2019-20 are currently set at HK\$76,780 (K1-K3) and HK\$102,000 (Grades 1-5). Please note that tuition fees for 2020-21 may be adjusted upon approval of the SMC and Education Bureau and posted in due course. Fees are payable by direct debit in 10 monthly instalments of HK\$ 7,678 (K1-K3) and HK\$10,200 (Grades 1-5) and are due on the first day of each month. Statements of account and receipts are not normally sent to parents. However,

payment receipts can be issued upon request. Please note that parents are held responsible for the payment of school fees regardless whether the fees are paid by themselves, their employers, or by any other third party. If fee payments are overdue, students may be excluded from the School and no letters of recommendation will be issued until all outstanding fees have been paid.

9. Student Withdrawal

Parents who are applying for admission to other schools for their children are requested to submit requests for letters of recommendation through the Admission Office. Detailed letters of recommendation will be sent directly to the intended school. Otherwise, the School can only prepare a letter of attendance, indicating the child is a student at this school.

Parents who decide to withdraw their child from the School should complete the School “Withdrawal Notice” and submit it to the School Admission Office at least one month before the last day of attendance. Any tuition fees already paid will not be refunded.

Note: Parents who decide to withdraw their child’s place prior to the start of classes are reminded that the registration fee/first month’s tuition fee payment is **non-refundable**.

10. Admission Enquiries

Enquiries should be directed to the School Admission Office: <admissions@plkis.edu.hk> or you may call (+852) 3465 8401 during school office hours (08:00 – 17:30).

11. Parents’ Supporting Document Checklist *(sent in .pdf or .jpg format)*

- Copy of Applicant’s Passport (including visa status) for non-local candidates
- Copy of Applicant’s Birth Certificate or HKID for local candidates
- Copy of Both Parents’ Passport or HKID for local candidates
- Copy of Latest School Reports for the last two academic years (in English)
- Copy of any evaluative testing reports (in English)

12. Personal Information Collection Statement

1. **Purpose:** The personal data collected by HKCA Po Leung Kuk School is for consideration of your application. Data of successful applicants will be kept as part of the School’s records.
2. **Data User:** Only authorized personnel can access and use the data provided.
3. **Retention of Data:** Unless consent is obtained from applicants, unsuccessful applications will be destroyed upon completion of the admissions process.
4. **Data Correction:** Applicants who wish to request access to, and/or correction of, their personal data should write to the School’s Human Resources officer.