

## CE1 (UK Year 3) Application Details

### Class Details

**Bilingual: Native-level English and French** Students are enrolled in a French “Ecole Élémentaire” (Ecole du Secteur) for the French portion of the programme then excused twice a week to attend British Section classes. Children who enrol in this class must be native English speakers and be ready to learn to read and write *simultaneously* in two languages.

**Estimated spaces available for 2026-27:** 4-5, mostly FS, some *externé*.

### Eligibility

- **Age:** Candidates must be born in **2019** to enrol in this class (7 years old).
- **Level of English:** Applicants must possess age-appropriate native-level English to be considered for this programme.

### Applications

Applications should be submitted online [via the British Section website](#) in December 2025 for the following school year. After January, please check our website for availability for this year group. The non-refundable application fee is €200.

### Testing

Candidates are assessed orally for their communication and language skills, and their potential for development, using a selection of resources chosen to stimulate discussion. We also consider depth and range of vocabulary, accuracy in the use of English, the extent and use of general knowledge in conversation, willingness and ability to sustain a conversation, perceptiveness, engagement whilst on a task, and the ability to deal with simple and multi-step instructions. We are looking for fluency and understanding in speaking and reading, as well as understanding of sentence structure, syntax and grammar in writing appropriate to the child's age. There is an assessment, which includes a reading comprehension, spelling test and free-writing, which is organised individually and lasts for approximately 45 minutes.

Testing will take place in March and will be conducted in person whenever possible. Online testing is available for families who live **outside** Europe.

### French Immersion/*Français Spécial*

This is a [specialised programme](#) for candidates who do not yet speak French or who have limited knowledge of the language. The class is composed of 15-20 new students, coming from all around the world. Students work with a specialised French teacher from September to June to develop their knowledge of French while maintaining their native level of English with the British Section. This is usually a joint-level class (CE1/CE2). By the end of the academic year, immersion students should have developed a high level of French proficiency which will then allow them to integrate into a regular French class the following year.

### Curriculum

Details of the CE1 curriculum can be found [here](#)

## Timeline

- December 1 2025 - January 9 2026: pay non-refundable admission fee of €200
- January 16 2026: last day to complete online application forms
- March 2026 : testing
- May / June: acceptances sent

## Required documents

- Cover letter
- Birth certificate / passport
- Photo
- *Dossier d'inscription* form
- School reports covering last two years (if possible)
- School reference (the template will be provided with the online application form)
- Two recent examples of written expression (corrected schoolwork) in English.

## Class Schedule:

Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons

## Fees

- €3972 pa (reduced rate, if family paying)
- €7492 pa (standard rates, if employer paying)
- One-off registration fee of €1500
- An advance on tuition fees €500 per child

## Site Options

**Location:** Ecole Félix Eboué

**Schedule:** Full-time

**Spaces available for 2025-26 academic year:** 0 – dependent on departures

The British Section welcomes approximately 85 students at this partner school located in Le Pecq. Students attend their British Section classes as well as their French classes on this site. This is the only placement option with after school care.

**Location:** Ecole Internationale

**Schedule:** Externé

**Externé spaces for the 2025-26 academic year:** 1-2

This is a part-time option in which students come to the Lycée site two half-days per week for their British Section classes. The rest of the time they attend their local French school. Please note that the majority of all primary students at the Lycée are *externés* (Currently 750 students from 13 international sections). *Externé* students may request a full-time place in successive years depending upon space availability.

**Location:** Ecole Internationale

**Schedule:** Français Spécial Full-time

**Spaces available for the 2026-27 academic year:** 2-3

There are a limited number of spaces available; priority will go to qualified non-Francophone candidates.