

Maternelle 1/ Petite Section (UK Nursery) Application Details

Class Details

Bilingual: Native-level English and French Students are enrolled in a French “Ecole Maternelle” (‘Ecole du Secteur’) for the French portion of the programme, then attend British Section classes once a week. Children who enrol in this class must be native English speakers with an age-appropriate vocabulary.

Estimated spaces available for 2026-27: 12, all *externé*.

Eligibility

- **Age:** Candidates must be born in **2023** to enrol in this class (3 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. The non-refundable application fee is €160. Not all children will be invited for interview; an initial sift will be made on the application file.

Testing

Candidates are assessed orally for their communication and language skills, and their potential for development, using a selection of pictures chosen to stimulate language. Testing will take place in May and will be conducted in person whenever possible. Interviews are held individually and last for approximately 20 minutes.

French Immersion/*Français Spécial*

There is no [French-immersion](#) class available at this level.

Curriculum

Details of the Maternelle 1 curriculum can be found [here](#)

Timeline

- December 1 2025 - January 9 2026: pay non-refundable admission fee of €160
- January 16 2026: last day to complete online application forms
- 19-21 May 2026 : testing
- June: acceptances sent

Required documents

- Letter of motivation from parents
- Birth certificate / passport
- Photo
- *Dossier d'inscription* form

Complete instructions are available online once you log in.

Class Schedule:

Thursday mornings (08h45-12h00)

Fees

- €1987 pa (reduced rate, if family paying)
- €3746 pa (standard rates, if employer paying)
- One-off registration fee of €1500
- An advance on tuition fees €500 per child

Site Options

Location: Ecole Internationale

Schedule: Externé

***Externé* spaces for the 2026-27 academic year: 12**

This is a part-time option in which students come to the Lycée site one half-day 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 from Maternelle 3 depending upon space availability.