

Maternelle 3 / Grande Section (UK Reception / Year 1) 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 twice a week attend British Section classes. Children who enrol in this class must be native English speakers with an age-appropriate vocabulary.

Estimated spaces available for 2026-27: c30, some full-time, but mostly *externé*.

Eligibility

- **Age:** Candidates must be born in **2021** to enrol in this class (5 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.

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 and 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.

Testing will take place in March 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 3 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
- March 2026 : testing
- May: acceptances sent

Required documents

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

Class Schedule:

Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons **or** Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings

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 Jehan Alain

Schedule: Full-time

Spaces available for 2026-27 academic year: 12-14

The British Section welcomes approximately 14 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 extended hours offering after school care.

Location: Ecole Internationale

Schedule: Externé

Externé spaces for the 2026-27 academic year: 14-17

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: Full-time

Spaces available for the 2026-27 academic year: 3-4

There are a limited number of spaces available; priority will go to qualified non-Francophone candidates and current *externé* pupils. Please state in your application if you would like your child to be tested for a full-time place.