

Education Department Policy

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1. Overview

This policy details the Education Department's requirement for the management of an application for admission to a single sex provided school by a trans* pupil. Jersey schools are required to align their admissions policies with this policy.

2. Scope

This policy is applicable to a trans* male pupil wishing to attend Victoria College or Victoria College Preparatory School or a trans* female pupil wishing to attend Jersey College for Girls or Jersey College Preparatory School at Key Stage 2.

This policy is not applicable to a trans* male or trans* female pupil wishing to attend a States funded co-educational school as normal admissions policies apply.

3. Responsibilities and distribution

The admissions policies of Victoria College, Victoria College Preparatory School, Jersey College for Girls and Jersey College Preparatory School will make reference to this department policy.

4. Policy/Standards

In accordance with the Discrimination (Jersey) Law 2013 single sex schools are permitted to follow their terms and conditions of entry and treat a pupil's application to join the school differently on the grounds of the sex of the pupil.

This policy provides single sex Jersey schools with guidance on how to consider applications from a trans* male pupil (a female presenting as male wishing to join a single sex boys school) or from a trans* female pupil (a male presenting as a female wishing to join a single sex girls school).

The school will consider at the admissions stage the gender of the prospective student in accordance with the Gender Recognition (Jersey) Law 2010. Admissions applications for pupils pursing gender transition will be considered by the school with support from the

Education Department, and viewed on a case-by-case basis. In such situations advice will be sought from the Education Department's Principal Educational Psychologist who will seek the views of professionals actively involved as well as the wishes of the pupil and the views of their parents.

Schools should be aware that in relation to the Discrimination (Jersey) Law 2013 a trans* boy will be viewed as a comparator to a boy and a trans* girl as a comparator to a girl.

A parent has the right to appeal the decision by writing to the Chair of the Board of Governors of the school applied to within 15 working days of receipt of the decision.

5. Further information and related documents

Please see admissions policies for Victoria College, Victoria College Preparatory School, Jersey College for Girls and Jersey College Preparatory School:

https://www.victoriacollege.je/_site/data/files/secondary/3353764EFD09F2410DF4A7FDE690 FB4A.pdf

http://www.vcp.sch.je/?page=85&t=Admissions

http://www.jerseycollegeforgirls.com/Admissions/

http://jcp.sch.je/admissions/

Please see: Discrimination (Sex and related characteristics) (Jersey) Law 2015

https://www.jerseylaw.je/laws/enacted/PDFs/RO-061-2015.pdf

and: Gender Recognition (Jersey) Law 2010

https://www.jerseylaw.je/laws/revised/PDFs/12.320.pdf

Also:

Transgender Guidance for Jersey Schools

https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Education/P%20Transgender%20Guidance%20f or%20Jersey%20Schools%2020170518%20KP.pdf

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