

1st July 2025

Dear Parent/carer,

Fair Banding Assessment – Registration

We hope that this letter finds you well. As you may be aware any parent who wishes for their child to be considered for a place at Trinity Academy St Edward's in the 2026 academic year will be required to register their child for a Fair Banding assessment.

The assessment is not a traditional entrance exam which children either pass or fail. It is done to ensure that our intake exactly matches the ability profile of the children applying. To achieve this, all children are invited to take a nonverbal reasoning, multiple choice assessment to allocate children into four ability bands.

We will admit the required number from each band based on the spread of ability of those applying and following the normal admissions criteria. Parents/carers of children who sit the fair banding assessment will be informed of their child's band prior to the national deadline for secondary school applications.

If you want to ensure that your child will be considered for a place at Trinity Academy St Edward's, they will be required to sit the assessment. This can either be done at your child's primary school, with whom we are working with to arrange, or on our assessment day which will be held at Trinity Academy St Edward's on the morning of the 11th October 2025.

Students in receipt of an EHCP or any students who are LAC are not required to sit the assessment. However, parents should still register their child for the assessment and state on the form that their child is EHCP/LAC. Please refer to our Admissions Policy and Supplementary guidance for further information.

For children with SEND or any other child who feels that they are unable to sit the assessment for whatever reason, at the request of a primary school or parent/carer, additional steps will be taken to ensure reasonable adjustments are made to the assessment or an alternative (more appropriate) assessment is sought. This could take the form of a teacher assessment where Trinity Academy St Edward's would contact your child's primary school to request a predicted band allocation for your child.

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Please register your child for the assessment using this link.

<https://forms.office.com/e/fhYx8i3ef4>

If you have any queries regarding the fair banding process, please contact Mrs Francis at efrancis@stedwards.trinitymat.org

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mark Allen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Allen
Principal