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Greetings!

Enrolment is a hard time for both children and staff



Gaining a place in a Project Mala school is a prized achievement, largely because of the quality of the education received, as well as free food and uniforms. As there are a limited number of places to offer in our schools, we have to find a fair way of choosing the children who should have a place. Selection is mainly by academic performance in enrolment exams, but we also take into consideration general intelligence, personal circumstances and the ratio of boys to girls.

The chart below shows the results for the enrolment in April this year. You will see over 2,000 children applied for the 562 places available. This is less than in previous years as, this year, application forms were distributed to the villages in advance and, from the information returned, only those children who were eligible were

selected to apply.

Being admitted to a Mala school does not guarantee getting a place in the next school. At each intake we open the exam to all children in our catchment area. As the teaching is so much better in a Mala school, it is inevitable that our pupils will do better in the exams. However, we include both a verbal and a non-verbal reasoning test in the exams so those children who have not been taught well in their previous school may be given a place if these tests indicate that they have real potential.

The difficult part is the disappointment when a place is not awarded. This is hard for our staff and children alike.

Enrolment 2018						
School	Applications		Total Applications	Admitted		Total Admitted
	Project Mala	External		Project Mala	External	
Pre-school	0	133	133	0	63	63
Primary (Class 1)	38	1047	1085	34	209	243
Middle (Class 6)	242	353	595	134	14	148
Secondary (Class 9)	109	153	262	55	8	63
Intermediate College (Class 11)	39	108	147	33	12	45
Total	428	1794	2222	256	306	562
Admitted %				59.81	17.06	25.29

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