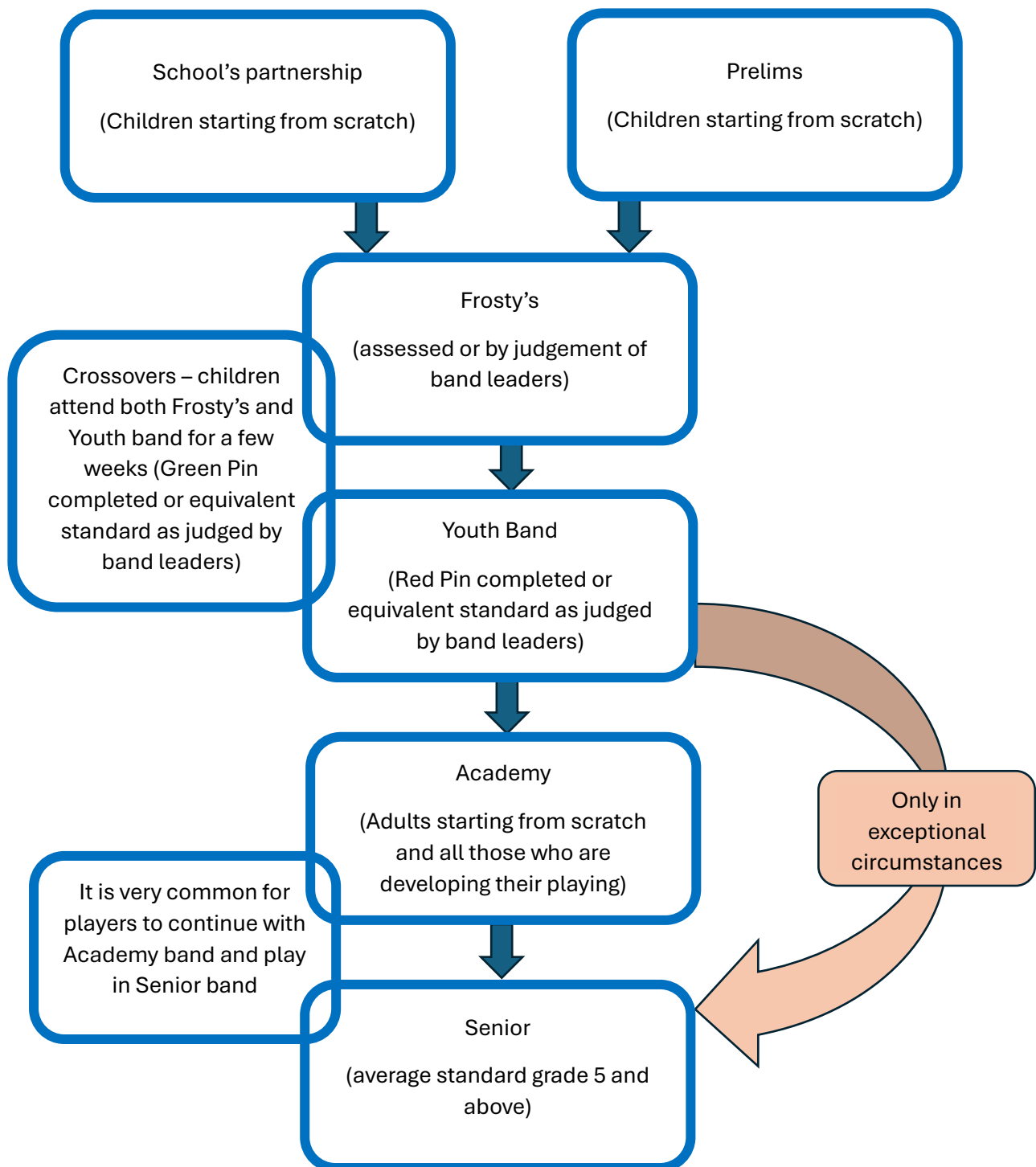


TVB Transition Policy – draft version HB

When children and adults join TVB they have clearly defined opportunities to progress into the different bands in line with this policy.



Steps taken before children move between bands –

- Current TVB band leader / music teacher identifies child has reached high enough standard to consider moving up
- TVB band leaders consult, establish potential dates for pupil(s) to move
- Current TVB band leader talks with parents, discuss opportunity and proposed dates
- Current TVB band leader talks with child about the move
- Current TVB band leader confirms with other band leaders the details of the move, and updates database
- New TVB band leader contacts parents to confirm rehearsal and contact details

After a child moves between bands the new band leader will maintain regular parental contact through informal weekly check-ins, discussing any issues following the move (eg changes to tiredness levels / confidence / settling into new group etc). The informal weekly check-ins are likely to reduce in frequency as a child settles; band leaders will still check-in with parents at regular intervals throughout the year; this will be at least every six months.

Specific points to note:

TVB safeguarding policy must be adhered to regardless of which band(s) a player is attending

Children can continue in youth band while also attending Academy and/or Senior band.

In exceptional circumstances a child may move to Senior band without attending Academy. This is considered on a case-by-case basis and only following full consideration by all band leaders and parents. Regular contact between band leader, parents and child are essential to ensure the opportunities for the child to progress and their best interests are met.

While Senior band rehearse until 9:45pm, children aged under 14 should not be attending the full rehearsal. Instead, the 9pm cut off point must be observed, with parents collecting children from senior band at 9pm. This enables children to still get home and get enough sleep before school the next morning. If an earlier collection time is needed this can be accommodated; it should be discussed with band leader first, and safeguarding kept informed.

There are WhatsApp group chats in place to enable efficient communication related to band activities. Parents are consulted and invited to be included on the WhatsApp group chat.

Band leaders, safeguarding and welfare officers are available should parents have any concerns they wish to discuss in relation to any aspect of their child's attendance at TVB. Primarily it would be the band leaders who have responsibility for maintaining contact with the child's parents; the chairman may assume this role if relevant, and the Safeguarding and Welfare Officers will have complete overview, including making the applications for child performance licences as needed.