

Admissions to Nursery & Extended Provision

Nursery Admission Criteria

Children are admitted to Nursery Education in the term after their 3rd birthday, and are funded for 15 hours per week. Children are able to take the 15 hours in 3 hour blocks i.e. over 5 sessions per week

The session times are as follows:

- Mornings – 8.45am to 11.45am
- Afternoons – 12.15pm – 3.15pm

Parents can request the funded sessions in different ways such as:

- 5 mornings or 5 afternoons
- Over 2½ days.

We suggest that, wherever possible, education children access the full 15 hours entitlement and access the same daily sessions over 5 days to help them form friendship bonds.

Priority for a nursery place will be given to;

1. Looked after children, children on the child protection register or those who are thought to be at risk of abuse or neglect.
(Examples may include children who are active cases for social care colleagues and children on the child protection register).
2. Children with exceptional, medical, social and educational needs identified by health, education or social care colleagues. Evidence should accompany applications.
(Examples may include children identified by the pre-school assessment service as having special educational needs, or as requiring assessment to decide if they have such needs; children who have needs identified by medical professionals; children living in families considered to be exceptionally disadvantaged in relation to the usual circumstances for the area; children who have limited or no access to English speaking environments.)
3. Children who live in the Priority Admission Area (PAA) in age order
4. Children who live outside the PAA but who have an older sibling attending the school in age order
5. Children who live outside the schools PAA in age order
6. Extra district children in age order.

N.B. Priority for am/pm place preferences is given to those registered as waiting for the longest period of time.

Extended Provision Admission Criteria

Waiting list places are allocated as they become available given the following conditions;

The following points are in order of priority:

1. Places for existing day care children are continued for as long as they are needed. The parent must give four weeks written notice of any changes. The ability of the service to accommodate changes cannot be guaranteed.
2. Children with professionally supported social, educational or medical needs, providing their admission is compatible with the efficient education and care of other children.
3. Places which support parent/carers who are working or training.
4. Full day care has priority over half day places.
5. 5, 4, 3, full days have priority respectively.
6. Children who have attended the summer holiday daycare will be able to maintain their place until admitted to school.
7. As requested days and sessions become available.
8. All details being equal, on a first come first served basis.

N.B.

Application for admission to your choice of First School must be made separately. Please contact your First School of choice for guidance on their registration procedure or contact School Admissions on tel: 01484 225007/8/9

Children are admitted to First School in the school year in which they have their fifth birthday.

Prospective parents are warmly welcomed to visit our provision by arrangement with the Headteacher.