



Two Year Old Funded Nursery Admission Policy 2016-17

Background

The purpose of this policy is to inform parents about fair allocation of two year old school nursery places and to provide clear information on how we prioritise children's needs when allocating places.

We have tried to mirror the school admissions policy as far as possible for smooth transitions to school. However, **please note the allocation of a nursery place in school does not guarantee a three year old nursery or reception place. There is a separate admissions policy for school places.**

Application of a place:

Your two year old child will be eligible in 2016 if they are:

- Children looked after by the Local Authority
- Children who have left care through special guardianship, adoption or a residence order
- Children from families whose household earnings are below £16,190 and are in receipt of any of the following benefits:
 - Income Support;
 - Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
 - Income related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
 - The Guaranteed element of the State Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credit and/or Working Tax Credit
- Children who have special education needs or disability (SEND) who:
 - Have a current statement of SEN or and Education, Health and Care plan
 - Attract disability living allowance

When a family has a letter from the Local Authority to say that their child is eligible for a two year old nursery place and we have vacant places, then we will offer places to children taking into account the additional priorities.

We will only give priority to parents from other localities if places remain vacant. If we cannot offer a place at this nursery, we will provide details of other providers that have places.

Priority 1

- Children in public care or fostered under an arrangement made by the local authority. Children who are the subject of a Child Protection Plan
- Children with or without a statement but who have Special Educational Needs, or with exceptional medical or mobility needs.

These places are offered on a temporary basis and are regularly reviewed along with a package of support.

Priority 2

The age of the child. Priority will be given to those children who will become 3 years of age during the 2016/2017 academic year to have the opportunity to benefit from 3 terms of nursery education.

Priority 3

Children of parents who live nearest to the school nursery. If we have more applications than there are places, we will offer places first to children living nearest to the school nursery (measured in a straight line).

Applications must be received by the following dates:

- 10th June 2016 for places in Autumn 2016
- 11th November 2016 for places in Spring 2017
- 10th February 2017 for places in Summer 2017
- 9th June 2017 for places in Autumn 2017

Admission of children after term start date

Children may be offered a place at any time during the term; however, we will not admit children after the beginning of the term if they are already settled at another setting to ensure smooth and consistent transitions.

The age and additional requirements of the children who are able to access the two year old FEEE, means the funding can only be used at one setting. This is to help the child settle and establish a routine.

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This plan has been drawn up and written by the EYFS Leader. The policy and future amendments to the policy will be communicated clearly and consistently to pupils, parents and staff.

This will be reviewed when updated legislation or guidance is issued by the DfE, Local Authority or other relevant organisation.

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