



Nursery Admissions Policy

Nursery Admissions are the responsibility of the school.

Children are welcomed into the Nursery in the September of the academic year in which they will turn 4. We offer both 15 and 30 hour funded places.

We can accommodate 30 children in each morning session (8.30am – 11.30am) and a maximum of 16 children each afternoon (11.30pm – 2.30pm).

These numbers include 16 'all day' places to be offered under the 30 hour childcare provision for eligible parents. Each 'all day' places consists of 5 morning and 5 afternoon sessions. Parents of children that stay for the full sessions (34 hours per week) will be asked to pay a top up for the additional 4 hours each week. This covers the period from 2.30pm – 3.30pm Monday to Thursday.

We will allocate available spaces in accordance with our criteria below but will not offer more than 16 all day places.

Parents who are eligible for 30 hours childcare can choose to split this across 2 providers with 15 hours of this being provided by Camp Primary and Nursery School as the primary provider. We will not split a 15 hour funded place with another provider.

Deadline for applications:

The timeline for applications is usually negotiated in line with other local settings to offer some consistency for parents. For September 2023 the application deadline is 24th February. Applications received after this date will be considered as late and processed after applications received on time.

Deferred entry to Reception:

Parents have the choice to defer their child's entry to Reception if they are Summer born (birthday from 1st April to 31st August) and can choose for their child to spend an additional year in the Nursery. These children are given priority when allocating places for September 2023 if their parents have informed the school of their decision to defer by 22nd March 2023. Decisions to defer after this time will not guarantee a nursery space.

Early entry to Nursery:

Occasionally, if space allows, a sibling can be admitted into nursery in the term after they turn 3. This will always be discussed on a child by child basis.

Admissions Criteria:

Children with an Education, Health & Care Plan which names the school will be allocated a place in accordance with section 324 of the Education Act 1996.

All remaining places will then be allocated in the following order of priority:

- 1) Children looked after by the local authority, including children who were previously looked after but were then adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order). Adopted children must have been previously looked after by an English or Welsh local authority.
Evidence needed: A letter or document from the child's social worker, advisory teacher or other professional.
- 2) A child 'at risk' (or the sibling of a child 'at risk') who is the subject of an inter-agency child protection plan.
- 3) Children for whom it can be demonstrated that they have a particular medical or social need to go to the school. An application under this rule should clearly demonstrate why our nursery is the only one that can meet your child's needs in a way that no other nursery can. Evidence will be needed and a panel of governors will decide whether the evidence provided is enough to meet the requirements for this rule.
- 4) Children who have a sibling at the school at the time of application, unless the sibling is in the last year of the normal age-range of the school (Year 6). Sibling includes brother, sister, half-brother or half-sister, adopted brother or sister, child of the parent/carer or partner.
- 5) Children of staff who are employed at the school at the time of application.
- 6) Any other children.

If more children qualify under a particular rule than there are places available, a tiebreak will be used by applying the next rule to those children. If more children qualify than there are places available, priority will be given to those who live nearest to the nursery as measured in a straight line. Where there is a need for a tie-breaker where two different addresses measure the same distance from a school, in the case of a block of flats for example, the lower door number will be deemed nearest as logically this will be on the ground floor and therefore closer. If there are two identical addresses of separate applicants, the tie break will be random.

Governing Body, January 2023