

NURSERY ADMISSION POLICY

We have 52 places available each year. We will admit Nursery children from September. If Nursery is not full in September we will admit children during the year if we can accommodate the sessions that parents require.

Children admitted will be those whose 4th birthday will fall between 1st September and 31st August of that year i.e. they will be aged between 3 years and a day and 3 years and 11 months

All children joining Nursery in September and their parents will be invited into Nursery during June and July to meet the Nursery teacher and Nursery support staff and also to have a look around the Nursery. This will also give parents and staff the opportunity to have an informal conversation about any concerns they may have. Nursery will remain open while these visits take place.

Admission Criteria

The school will endeavour to make sure that everyone who applies gets their free 15 hrs (or less if that is what they request) and then allocate those that want over 15 hrs when the basic needs of everyone are met.

Allocation of places will be undertaken in the following priority order:

- Priority 1: Children in Public Care (Looked After Children)
- Priority 2: Children who currently attend Little Valley Nursery
- Priority 3: Children with a sibling at school.
- Priority 4: Children living in the designated area.
- Priority 5: Children living outside the designated area.

At the discretion of the Head Teacher, priority will be given to children of parents employed at the school.

Where a cohort is too large once the above priorities have been applied (i.e. more than 52) for all to be admitted, then they are distinguished by the following sub-categories:

- a. Children for whom only this particular school is appropriate due to an exceptional medical condition *
- b. Children ranked by date of birth, oldest first;
- c. In the event of a date of birth tie, priority will be given to the child living nearest to the school (straight line distance).

It is the school's expectation that children will be toilet trained before they start in Nursery. Help and support is available from the Health Visitor for families whose children are finding toilet training difficult. Parents should make contact with their Health Visitor directly.

** Applications under this criterion will only be considered if they are supported by a written statement from the child's doctor. This must demonstrate that there is a very specific connection between the medical need and the facilities or resources of this school*