

BRICKNELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nursery Admissions Policy

Rationale

The Academy's Governing Body determines admission to the nursery at Bricknell Primary School. This admissions policy does not apply to the admission of pupils into the school.

Introduction

The Governing Body has agreed this nursery admission policy so that in the event of there being more requests for nursery places than are available, there are fair and transparent admission criteria in place.

Bricknell Primary School has a 52 place nursery that is staffed by a nursery teacher, a Level 3 Nursery Nurse and an experienced Teaching Assistant. We are able to offer 26 morning and 26 afternoon places and so maintain a staff to pupil ratio of 1:13.

Attendance at our nursery is for 15 hours of free provision, with a small number of 30-hour places for working parents/carers who meet the criteria. Lunchtime supervision is charged at £3.00 per day. Please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to see if your family is eligible for 30 hours free childcare. If a 30-hour place is not available and you are eligible as a family 15-hours can be accessed at Bricknell Nursery and 15-hours can be accessed at another local childcare provider.

Parents and carers should approach the school directly if they would like their child to attend the nursery. Mrs Turner who is in charge of Nursery admissions will direct parents and carers to complete a 'Nursery Application of Interest Form' which can be found below:

[link](#)

The school maintains a register/list of parents' or carers' interest in a nursery place. If a child gets a place in the nursery at the school, it does not automatically follow that he/she will get a place in the school. Nursery places at Bricknell Primary School are open to all children, irrespective of where they live.

Parents and carers do not have a statutory right to appeal to an independent appeal panel in relation to nursery admissions. It is therefore important that our nursery admissions decisions can be justified by reference to our agreed criteria.

Criteria for admission to the nursery (Please note this differs from the allocation of the 30 hour places)

The following criteria for admission will be applied in the event of there being more requests for places than those available:



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1. A child can be considered for a place in the nursery from the start of the term following the child's third birthday. This place will normally be for between three to five terms prior to entry into a mainstream school.

2. The governors will consider applications for nursery places by first prioritising the over-subscription criteria and in age order, oldest children being given priority within the criteria.

3. The school will let parents and carers know by letter of their decision regarding a place in the nursery. Where possible, this will be during the term before admission.

4. If a child is offered a place in the nursery, parents and carers must confirm their acceptance in writing within the specified time to avoid the school refusing places for other children unnecessarily. If the school does not receive a reply to the offer of a place in the nursery within the specified timescale, the child's name will be placed back on the waiting list.

5. Places will be offered to children in the following priority order:

- Age – new arrivals/requests for nursery places will be slotted in at the appropriate point. Oldest children given priority.
- Children with special educational, English as an additional language, social or emotional needs, as evidenced by a professional from health, social care or education.
- Children who have a brother or sister (including children living as siblings in the same family unit) on the school roll who will still be attending Bricknell Primary School in the following academic year.
- Other children.

Conclusion

This nursery admissions policy will ensure that places in our nursery are allocated fairly. It will be reviewed as part of the school's self-evaluation programme unless changes to statutory requirements necessitate an earlier review.



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