

Newport Primary School Admissions Policy
September 2014

Nursery

At Newport Primary School, we can currently offer 54 Nursery places. These places are split between morning and afternoon, each session being comprised of 27 children. The sessions offered are for a period of 3 hours.

Morning session runs from: 8.45am - 11.45am
Afternoon session runs from: 12.15pm - 3.15pm

Your child can be considered for a nursery place from the start of the term following their third birthday. In some circumstances, a child may be able to take up a nursery place as soon as they turn 3 years old, however, this would not be possible if the Nursery is full. Newport Primary School has fostered strong links with 'Newport Children's Centre' that is joined with our school. Therefore we can make interim provision for those children who do not receive a nursery place offer within our school by placing them in the Children's Centre. If your child is offered a place in the Newport Children's Centre, they would be able to start at the beginning of the term following their third birthday- places permitting. If your child already attends the children's centre we will liaise with staff about transition into our setting.

If you would like your child to have a place in our Nursery you must complete an application form, preferably when your child is 2 years old. The application will be considered by the Early Years Team who will apply the 'ADMISSIONS CRITERIA'. They will then contact you at least half a term before your child would be due to start Nursery. If you are offered a place in our Nursery, you must confirm your acceptance within 2 weeks otherwise we may have to refuse other children unnecessarily.

The final decision on when a child is admitted and the sessions they attend rests with the Head Teacher.

Admissions Criteria

In the event that the school is over subscribed for Nursery Places, the following criteria will be used to allocate the 52 available spaces. This criteria is in accordance with 'The School Admissions Code FEB 09'. Length of time on the waiting list will not be taken into account when applying the criteria. The criteria is set out in order of priority but there is no priority within each category.

A – A child that is 'Looked After' by the local authority. (see 2.9 of the School Admissions Code)

B – A Child with a Statement of Special Educational Needs and where recommendation has been made by a health visitor, educational psychologist, social worker, education welfare officer or outreach worker that the child would benefit from nursery provision on the basis of their special educational needs. (see 2.8. of the School Admissions Code)

Examples of Special Needs are:

- Physical difficulties
- Social and Emotional difficulties
- Emotional and behavioural difficulties
- Lack of personal stimulation and interaction
- Speech and language problems
- Visual difficulties
- Hearing difficulties

NB – additional information may be needed as evidence of any of the above criteria.

C – Children with social needs identified by the Early Years Team from the application process. Examples of these needs are as follows

- Children on the Child Protection Register
- Children who are in the sole custody of grandparents.
- Children who are from a one parent family.
- Children who have confined play space.
- Children from a large family with 4 or more siblings.
- A child who has 2 or more siblings under the age of 4.
- Children with parents under the age of twenty.
- A child with parents with a disability.
- Children who were multiple births – twins, triplets.
- A child with English as an additional language.

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D - Children living with a brother or sister with significant disabilities as described in A.

E – Children living with a brother or sister that will STILL be attending Newport Primary School in the term the child starts school.

F – If more applications are made than we have places for, children in the year before they start school will be given priority and then preference will be given to children who live the shortest distance from school. *This will be measured in a straight line from the entrance of the school to the entrance of the property the child lives in.* In the case of 'shared parental responsibility' the 'home address' of the child will be considered as the one in which they spend the majority of the week during 'term time'.

Entry to Nursery DOES NOT guarantee a School Place. A separate application is required for school places.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Foundation Stage Leader, Foundation Stage Team, head teacher and the governing body.

Sarah Rudd – Foundation Stage Leader - 2014
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