



Great Bradfords Infant & Nursery School

Admissions Policy for Nursery 2024-2025

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Signed Headteacher: _____

Chair of Governors: _____

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Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Nursery Admission Policy 2024-25

Nursery places are available to children from the term following their third birthday until they start reception. Nursery places are offered during the term before the beginning of the term in which the child turns 3.

Applications for nursery places should be made direct to the school and submitted by the closing date for applications (31st May 2024). Nursery places are allocated using the criteria set out below. Nursery attendance does not guarantee admission to the Reception class and a fresh application must be made for a place in the Reception class via Essex County Council.

We offer a minimum 15 hours weekly provision and therefore are unable to offer Extended Entitlement for working parents unless your child is already claiming their Free 15 hour Entitlement within our setting.

Nursery places available: 38 for each session.

Each term the admission criteria are:

1. Those applied within the registration window (1st January to 31st May) for the following academic year
2. Looked after children and those with an EHCP will take priority
3. Siblings currently in the Infant School
4. Date of birth (oldest child to the youngest in each term they would start)
5. Others

Late entries will be prioritised according to points 2-5 above, once all entries, applied for within the window, have been considered for the academic year.

Waiting List

The school holds a waiting list for children who have applied for a nursery place. Once a place has been offered and no response received within 15 working days from the date of the offer, the child will be removed from the waiting list and an offer made to the next child on the list.

Key Definitions

Looked after Children: A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order will be given first priority in oversubscription criteria ahead of all other applicants in accordance with the School Admissions Code 2012. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (as defined in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

Children with Education and Health Care Plans: Children with EHCPs that name the school on the plan are required to be admitted to a school regardless of their place in the priority order.