



Thackley Primary School Nursery Admissions Policy - September 2017

Thackley Primary is a two form entry school with a 78 place Nursery, which offers provision for children the term after their third birthday.

We offer two 15 hour sessions. The first is a morning session from 8.30am to 11.30am, and the second is an afternoon session from 12 o'clock to 3pm daily. Children must come for full five mornings or full five afternoons.

For admission purposes the start of the Autumn term is defined as 1st September and the Spring term 1st January. Children will start at Nursery in the Autumn term after they are three years old. If the Nursery has any places available after the Autumn intake, we may have an additional intake during the Spring term.

Entitlement

From September 2017, working parents will be entitled to up to 15 hours a week of additional extended entitlement on top of the universal entitlement of 15 hours of free early education. The additional 15 hours will be available to eligible children aged 3 at the start of the term following their 3rd birthday until the child is attending Reception. Providers do not have to offer the extended entitlement.

At present school is not in a position to offer flexible sessions.

In order to make admissions to our Nursery as fair as possible for all children wishing to attend it is necessary to have an admission policy.

The Criteria we follow to allocate places are as follows: **(Guidance from the LEA)**

1. Please note CLA (children Looked after) will always take priority.
2. Places to children who already attend our Nursery.
3. Places offered to children who have siblings at school in the September of the year the child will start Nursery.
4. Places allocated to children living nearest to the school, we use the Department for Education post code allocation which tell you distances in meters from the home address post code to the Schools post code.
5. Where possible we will give first preference of morning or afternoon sessions. When a session is full we will offer the alternative session. All other children will then be placed on a waiting list.

Please Note:-Siblings mean brothers and sisters who live at the same address. Foster children and step sisters and step brothers are also included.

A child who has a place in Nursery is not guaranteed a place in Reception, nor do they have any additional priority for Reception.

If you need any additional information regarding our admissions policy please does not hesitate to contact the Head of School or the Business Manager.

Parents of prospective new pupils are positively encouraged to visit the school.

Please note it is the parent's responsibility to apply for a place for the child in mainstream school.

Admission policies will only be consulted upon every 3 years unless there have been changes.

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