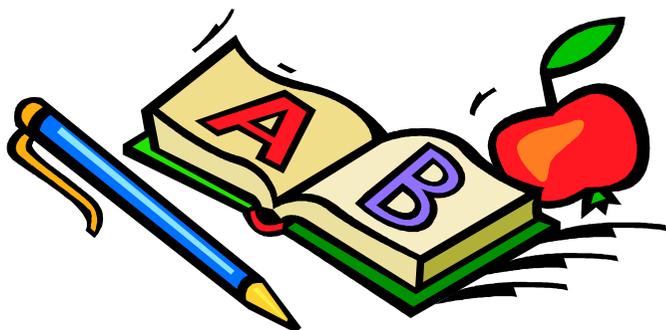




PARENTS GUIDE TO:

Nursery Admissions

For 3yr Olds



Parent Guide No 10

'...achieving excellence for ourselves and others'

Our Nursery Provision

We are committed to high quality care, learning and development through a challenging and inspiring play based curriculum. The Nursery follows the "Early Years Foundation Stage" and this continues in the Reception class. Both Foundation Stage classes (Nursery and Reception) are fully integrated within the whole school.

Our friendly staff create a caring atmosphere where children can flourish. The team includes two Nursery Teachers, a Nursery Nurse and Teaching Assistants all of whom are highly qualified and experienced. We also have students from local colleges and parent helpers.

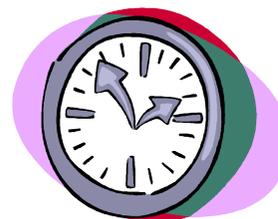
Sessions in our Nursery Class

From the term after a child turns 3yrs old they are eligible for **15 free hours** of Nursery provision. These can be booked as sessions which are:

Morning session: 8.45am - 11.45 am

Afternoon session: 12.30 pm - 3.30 pm

Full day: 8.45am - 3.30 pm



If your child stays for a full day they will need to bring a packed lunch. School meals are also available at a cost of £1.60 and need to be booked and paid for in advance.

The 15 hrs of fully funded sessions can be taken as all mornings, all afternoons, full days or a mixture of both, during term time only.

Any additional hours over the 15 hour entitlement are charged at a cost of £4.20 per hour. These extra hours need to be booked and paid for a term in advance.

How do I apply for a Nursery class place?

Enquiries can be made at the school office. Names will be placed on an Expression of Interest List and can be applied for at any time.

If your child already attends our Nursery from the age of 2yrs, then their sessions will automatically become funded for the term after they turn 3 years old. You may also then apply for additional sessions to make up the 15 fully funded hours.

If your child attends two settings then the Local Authority will split the funding between these two providers and there may be a charge for any additional hours taken.

See also Parent Guide to Nursery Provision for 2yr Olds -
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How are Nursery class places allocated?

Sessions will be allocated for the whole year and we will only be able to change sessions in exceptional circumstances at the beginning of Terms 1, 3 and 5, dependent on spaces available.

The criteria for allocating Nursery places in BANES are as follows:

1. Children identified as having special circumstances. You will need a letter from the child's health visitor, a social worker or other professional to support the application.
2. Children from the school's local area who have siblings at the school.
3. Children from the local area.
4. Children from outside the area but still living in BANES.

A place in the Nursery class does not guarantee a place at the school. You need to apply for a place in the Reception Class through the Local Authority's school's admissions procedure.

"This year has been a great experience for us both. My son has learnt to mix and share with others, sing delightful songs, recognise numbers, shapes, days of the week and write his name. Of course, he doesn't know he's learning - to him it's all fun"

Comment from a parent