



Admissions Policy for White Meadows Primary Academy Nursery

Provision

Children are eligible for a nursery place from the term after their 2nd or 3rd birthday until they transfer to primary school. Alternatively, parents may choose to pay for their child's place in our nursery. We can offer the following provision:

Two Years+

We have a maximum of 40 places within our two-year-old room. Ten places are available for 15 hours of government-funded childcare each week during term time. This is offered as either 2 full days and a morning session (Nutmeg 1) or 2 full days and an afternoon session (Nutmeg 2). All-day sessions run from 9am to 3pm and include a lunchtime session. Half-day sessions are either 9am to 12pm (Nutmeg 1) or 12pm to 3pm (Nutmeg 2).

We also offer 10 places for children eligible for 30 hours of funding in our Nutmegs Class, allowing 20 children to attend each session.

Three Years+

We have a maximum of 78 places within our three-year-old room. Fifty-two places are available for 15 hours of government-funded childcare (Free Entitlement) each week during term time. This is offered as either 2 full days and a morning session (Acorn 1) or 2 full days and an afternoon session (Acorn 2), allowing 26 children to attend each session. All-day sessions run from 9am to 3pm and include a lunchtime session. Half-day sessions are either 9am to 12pm (Acorn 1) or 12pm to 3pm (Acorn 2).

We also offer 26 places for children eligible for 30 hours of funding in our Conker Class (Extended Free Entitlement), available during term time only.

Admissions and Prioritisation

Priority is given to families who are accessing the full 15 Universal hours or 30 hours Extended Entitlement. We will only offer places to families requesting fewer than 15 hours if we are unable to fill our vacancies with children requiring the full entitlement. If a place is offered for fewer than 15 hours, it will be on a term-by-term basis, as priority will continue to be given to children requiring the full entitlement each term.

Parents can indicate their preferred sessions on the application form, and we do our best to accommodate these preferences. However, places are subject to availability, and submission of an application form does not guarantee a place.

Applications will be considered using the admissions criteria outlined later in the policy. Applications received before the deadline will be considered first. Late applications will be considered after on-time applications, should places still be available. Termly application deadlines are published on our website. These deadlines are set early to allow parents to give sufficient notice to any nursery or preschool their child may already be attending.

If the nursery is not full in September, places may become available in January and again in April. We accept registrations on our waiting list up to a year in advance of the selected start date. This registration ensures we can contact you with up-to-date information.

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