

## Admissions Policy



# Kingsdown Nursery School

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We are an inclusive school and welcome children from all backgrounds and abilities.

The only restriction we place on entry is that of number. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available, we enforce the procedure set out below in order to determine whether a child is accepted or not. It is our wish to allow parents the right to have a place at the school of their choice. However, it is not always possible, due to the excess demand on the school places available.

### **How parents can apply for their child to be admitted to our school**

Our school is a Community LA Nursery School and Daycare. Children may be admitted to Daycare, when they are 2 yrs old, it will be the term after their second birthday if in receipt of Government Funding. (Currently the admission limit is 16 children per session)

In main Nursery children are admitted from the beginning of the term after their third birthday. Occasionally children can be admitted during the term they turn 3 yrs old. The agreed admission limit being 65 for each session.

### **Admissions arrangements as published by the LEA for community and controlled nursery schools and classes**

*We are responsible for admissions to community and controlled schools so we decide the arrangements for children to go into these schools. We have given the responsibility for deciding which children to accept to individual school governing bodies. When schools offer places, they take the following reasons into account in the order set out below. (Schools must first meet their legal obligations, for example, to children with Education, Health and Care Plans and LAC).*

- a. Recognised professional opinion showing that circumstances present a particularly strong case for taking in a child. (This will apply to up to 10% of places).*
- b. Medical reasons why the school or class is most suitable (for example, wheelchair access).*
- c. In Church of England (voluntary controlled) schools, priority may be given to children whose parents are actual members of the Church of England. In this case, the governing body will need written supporting evidence from the parish priest or minister of religion.*
- d. Convenience of access, including:*
  - distance of the child's home from the school;*

- *whether there is another school or class the child can go to which is as easy to get to; and*
- *the route from the child's home to the school or class.*

*This means that in most cases, pupils who live close to the school will be given a higher priority than those living further away.*

- e. Brother or sister already going to the school at the time a place is needed.*
- f. The number of children accessing 30 hours will be carefully monitored to ensure that the school retains enough places for children accessing 15 hours.*

The governors and Headteacher of the school are responsible for publishing how this policy applies in their school's particular circumstance. You should contact the school for more details.

The Nursery operates in accordance with the arrangements and regulations applicable to Registered Early Years Providers which are subject to alteration as and when National and Local policies are formulated.

Because there is no law to say nursery children must have a place, there is no right of appeal against a decision not to offer a child a place at a particular nursery school or class."

The school has an induction period prior to the child starting Nursery full time. This is to enable the child to become familiar with the staff and the routines in the setting, and for staff to begin to know the child and their parents/carers.

The Governors review this policy in line with statutory requirements and all amendments will be discussed.