



## Nursery Admissions Oversubscription Criteria

Children can start Nursery in the school term following their 3rd birthday. We offer a single point of entry each September.

Coming to our nursery setting will allow your child to develop their social skills and begin to make new friends in a safe, educational, play based setting which is run by qualified professionals. This is an important stage as it supports your child to develop and gain the skills needed for future learning including basic counting/number recognition, enjoyment of stories, phonics, social skills and physical developmental play.

Jenyns Nursery is both part time and full time. We have 8 full-time and 2 part-time places available in our class. If all the full-time places are not taken up, additional part-time places will be offered. If there are still vacancies remaining, parents with part-time places can ask to top up the part-time entitlement to a full-time place for which there will be a charge.

If there are fewer applications than places available, all applicants will be admitted.

Where there are more applications than places available, the following criteria will be used to decide which children will be allocated places:

- **If the child is 'Looked After'**  
A Looked After Child is a child who is in the care of the local authority. (see section 22 of Children Act 1989).
- **Children subject to a Child Protection Plan**
- **If the child has a sibling in the school**  
A sibling is the brother or sister of a child who is already on roll at the school, and will not have left the school by the time the sibling starts.
- **Nearest School**  
Children for whom it is the nearest community school, measured by a straight-line from the postal address point of each individual house to the address point of the school.
- **Social and Medical need**  
In exceptional cases, a Headteacher, in consultation with the Governors, may admit children because they have professionally supported educational, medical or social needs that the school is especially able to meet, even though they would not otherwise qualify for admission. Letters from an appropriate professional (e.g. doctor, social worker) must support these applications although these will not always be conclusive.
- **Tie Break situation**  
In the event of a tie break situation where two or more children meet the criteria as stated above, the distance from the public footpath directly outside the front door of the child's address, to the gates of the school's main entrance.

**Full and Part Time Places**

Some working parents will be eligible for a full-time place (30 hours per week) or a universal part-time place (15 hours per week). Parents who wish to be considered for a full-time place will need to check their eligibility the school term before their child is due to start nursery. This can be done online at [www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator) . Eligible parents will receive a unique code which must be given to the school, along with their national insurance number before their child's start date. All other children will be considered for a part-time place.

It should be noted that admissions to our nursery does not guarantee admission to the Reception class. Parents must follow the Local Authority Admissions process for Reception.