

North Primary School and Nursery Admissions Policy

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Admissions are dealt with by School Admissions Department at County Hall. The school assists parents with their applications when required.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admissions area. In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2023/2024 booklet);
2. children living with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admissions area
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Nursery

Free Early Education Entitlement

The Nursery has places for 26 children in each session. Children attend morning Nursery or afternoon Nursery. Each session lasts three hours and is funded under the Free Early Education Entitlement programme, which gives all three and four year olds a maximum of 15 hours of free education/childcare per week (children are offered five sessions of three hours each.)

Extended Entitlement

There is an Extended Entitlement of up to 30 hours a week for working parents who meet a set of eligibility criteria, which can be checked and applied for via www.childcarechoices.net. Parents who are eligible for the Extended Entitlement can combine morning and afternoon sessions to cover the whole school day.

Parents can register their child on the waiting list after their second birthday. Children are placed on the waiting list in age order. Children are eligible for a funded place in Nursery the term after their third birthday, as shown below. Parents are offered a place when a space becomes available.

Date of birth

1st April to 31st August

1st September to 31st December

1st January to 31st March

Eligible for a funded place in Nursery from

Autumn term following third birthday

Spring following third birthday

Summer term following third birthday

In the event of 2 or more children sharing a birthday and only one space being available the place will be allocated in accordance with the admissions criteria for the main school (as shown above).

The school may offer additional vacant nursery places to children in the term of their third birthday. This will be on a fee paying basis.

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