

Pike Fold Primary School

Nursery Admissions Policy

Updated May 2017

The nursery admissions policy is as follows:

1. Children will become eligible for admission to a Manchester nursery school or to a nursery class in a community or voluntary controlled infant/primary school only at the beginning of the term following their third birthday.
2. Where the number of children seeking admission is within the set number of places, then every child shall be given a place as of right.
3. Where the number of requests for admission exceeds the number of places, children will be admitted in the following priority order:

Category 1

Children with exceptional social, medical or educational needs, including

- children in need (as determined by Section 17 (10) of the Children Act 1989) where educational provision is deemed to be the most appropriate response.
- children for whom significant documentary provision is available from relevant professionals (including those from Health Authorities and Social Services), which indicate that the provision of education will be of benefit to the child and school feel they can meet the needs of the child.
- children who are formally classed as 'looked after' by the Local Authority.

Category 2

- children who will have a sister or brother attending the school when they take up their place

In the event that the number of category 2 admissions will cause the school to exceed its set number of places, admissions will be prioritised based upon age, eldest first then distance between the child's permanent home address and the school, measured in a straight line. Those children living nearest the school will be admitted until all the places have been taken up.

Category 3

If, after Category 1 and Category 2 admissions have been agreed, the school still has spare places, then further admissions will be prioritised according to the distance between the child's permanent home address and the school will be admitted until all the places have been taken up.

Category 4

If, after Category 1, 2 and 3 admissions have been agreed, a school still has spare places, then applications from non-Manchester pupils can be considered.

Where more non-Manchester children seek admission than there are places available, then those living nearest the school (as measured between their permanent home address and the school, measured in a straight line) will be admitted until all the spare places have been taken up.

NOTES

- All Category 1 admissions will be determined by the Chief Education Officer, based on the information available at the time.

- All Category 1 admissions will be subject to Part 3 of the Children & Families Act 2014 (Page 30) which specifies that:

Children with SEN in maintained nurseries and mainstream schools

(1) This section applies where a child with special educational needs is being educated in a maintained nursery school or a mainstream school.

(2) Those concerned with making special educational provision for the child must secure that the child engages in the activities of the school together with children who do not have special educational needs, subject to subsection (3).

(3) Subsection (2) applies only so far as is reasonably practicable and is compatible with—

(a) the child receiving the special educational provision called for by his or her special educational needs,

(b) the provision of efficient education for the children with whom he or she will be educated, and

(c) the efficient use of resources.

Children applying under this section will not be guaranteed a place until the Head & Governing Body are satisfied that subsection (2) has been fully assessed & it has been deemed reasonably practicable for the child to be offered a place in the nursery.

(The full document can be read at

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/6/pdfs/ukpga_20140006_en.pdf)

- When applying the criteria for admission, the headteacher shall have regard to the age profile of the nursery, so that an 'appropriate balance' between 3 and 4 year olds is achieved. This may mean that admissions may vary from the priority order set out above, from time to time. All such variations shall be notified to the Chief Education Officer, for information.
 - **We are offering 30 hours to all our Nursery places BUT in order to sustain full time Nursery we expect parents to check eligibility for funding and any eligible parents to apply for the code for the 30 hours and pass it on to school. Any additional funding the school receives for Nursery pupils will go directly to enhancing the EYFS unit.**