

Nursery Admissions Policy

Pike Fold Community Primary School



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Summary of changes

- Addition of statement explaining nursery admissions does not include resource provision places.
- Change of year group to Year 5 from Year 6 when the nursery child accepts the place.
- Addition to category 2 – priority to siblings based upon number of siblings in school, then age
- Meeting appropriate need statement added
- Withdrawal of place if fraudulently obtained

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 once they turn three.
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. **This does not include Resource Provision places as this needs to go through the local Authority statutory assessment team.**
- children who are formally classed as 'looked after' by the Local Authority.

Category 2

- children who will have a sister or brother attending the main school (from Rec to Year 5) 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 number of siblings currently in school**, 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 and Governing Body are satisfied that subsection (2) has been fully assessed and it has been deemed reasonably practicable for the child to be offered a place in the nursery and the school are able to meet the need.

(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.
- The school reserves the right to negotiate induction arrangements with parents/carers where this is felt to be appropriate to the particular needs of the child concerned. **If school feel we can not meet appropriate needs we will inform the parent that the setting is not suitable.**
- **We will also withdraw our offer if parents fail to respond to an offer within a reasonable time and make an intentionally misleading or fraudulent application**