

St John's C of E Primary School



Policy
For
Nursery Admission
Arrangements

Applications for nursery places should be made directly to the school. This policy deals with nursery admissions for September 2024.

Nursery places for the academic year 2024-2025 will be given to children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020. If places are oversubscribed the following priority criteria will apply:

Oversubscription Criteria

- a. Children in Public Care (looked after children) and previously looked after children.
- b. Pupils for whom a place at the school is essential on medical or social grounds and supported in writing by a medical practitioner or a social worker. (Applications will be subject to verification by Walsall Children's Services).
- c. Pupils who have an older sibling already in attendance at the school and who will be still attending at the proposed admission date.
- d. Children of staff members
- e. Children who regularly worship at church.
Evidence required is a letter from a minister confirming regular attendance.
- f. Children who live closest to the school.
Distance between the home address and the school as measured in a straight line with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

St John's Nursery offers a limited number of 15 hour places and limited number of 30 hour places. Eligibility for 30 hour places is determined by government guidelines and subject to checking. See appendix.

Parents may express a preference for a 30 hour or 15 hour place. In the case of any of these allocations being oversubscribed the Oversubscription Criteria would be applied.

Place requests and preference requests should be expressed by 31st January 2024

Late place requests and preferences will be considered on a case by case basis dependent on number and type of places remaining in Nursery.

Please telephone or visit the school if you have concerns about late place availability and we will do our utmost to respond quickly.

Where places are **still** available after the initial September intake, schools may only offer places to children who have attained the age of 3 during the **autumn term**. These places will be offered at the head teacher's discretion.

If the remaining places are oversubscribed the oversubscription criteria will apply.

Should there be any appeals for places, these would be decided by a panel of governors. Appeals letters should be addressed to the chair of the appeals committee. Letters should state the detailed reasons for appeal and include any relevant supporting evidence.