

Berridge Primary & Nursery School



Nursery Admissions Policy

Reviewed by Governors:
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Places for Berridge Nursery are allocated against the following criteria in the order below: -

1. Places will first be allocated to a 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions in accordance with section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 at the time of making an application to a school. An adoption order is an order under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children's Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders). A 'child arrangements order' is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under section 8 of the Children Act 1989 as amended by section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).
2. Places will then be allocated to pupils who, at the closing date for applications, live within the catchment area, whose parents have requested a place at the Nursery and who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister attending the school.
3. Places will then be allocated to other pupils who, at the closing date for applications, live within the catchment area and whose parents have requested a place at the Nursery.
4. Places will then be allocated to pupils who live outside the catchment area, whose parents have requested a place at the Nursery and who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister attending the school.
5. Places will then be allocated to other pupils who live outside the catchment area whose parents have requested a place at the Nursery.

Berridge school does not operate a first come first served system for Nursery, places are allocated by birth date using the criteria above.

Places in our Nursery do not guarantee a place in school.

Places may be withdrawn if children do not attend the Nursery.

We expect children to attend Nursery on time, otherwise they miss learning time.

All places are dependent on availability of morning or afternoon places in Nursery.

School will arrange some transition visits prior to them starting so we can get to know your child and your child can get to know the school. If your child requires additional support then school will arrange further meetings to discuss the reasonable adjustments needed for a safe and successful start to nursery. It is important school is made fully aware of any additional needs including medical conditions. School may need to contact other agencies to gain updates on relevant information.

Transition visits will be discussed with parents and these may vary depending if any additional adjustments are required.

Berridge Nursery capacity is 39 children in the morning and 39 children in the afternoon.

Nursery sessions are 3 hours long, morning sessions are from 8.45am to 11.45am and afternoon sessions are from 12.40pm to 3.40pm.