

Admission Criteria for Nursery Classes

In maintained schools greater priority is given to children with additional needs, older nursery-age children, children who are Wandsworth residents and siblings of children already attending a school. This should guide you in deciding which schools to apply for.

Nursery classes in community and foundation schools:

1. Children looked after, or who have an allocated social worker who has provided written support of the application or children who are the subject of adoption and special guardianship order who were previously looked after by the local authority.
2. Children who are recommended for a place at that school following an action plan agreed by a multi-disciplinary group (for example Team Around the Child - TAC).
3. Children with a brother or sister currently attending the school and who still attend when the child is admitted.
4. Children of staff members after 2 years of working in the school.
5. Children who live nearest to the school by the shortest walking route with street lighting as calculated by the council's Geographical Information System.

The Director of Children's Services for community schools of the governing body for foundation school can give priority where:

- A parent/carer provides professionally supported evidence at the time of application that a child has an acute medical or personal need for a place at a particular school, or belongs to a military family.

Moving on to primary school

Your child moves on to a primary school reception class in the September of the school year in which the child reaches their fifth birthday. Attending a nursery at a maintained school does not guarantee a reception class place at the same school in the following year.

There is a separate application process for admission to reception coordinated by the council. The "Choose a Wandsworth Primary School" booklet gives further details and is available from Pupil Services. Telephone (020 8871 7316) or email

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