



Nursery Admission Policy 25-26

Children are eligible to start at St. Joseph's Nursery from the term after their 3rd birthday. We offer both part-time and full-time places, term-time only.

AM Sessions – 8.40 am to 11.40 am

PM Sessions – 12.15 pm to 3.15 pm

Full-time – 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. There is the option to take additional hours from 8.40 am to 3.15 pm at an additional cost. Please see our Funding and Additional Fees.

We offer 3 start dates in the year, which are September, January and April. To apply for a place in our Nursery, you will need to complete an Enrolment Form, which is available at the school office. We will need a copy of your child's birth certificate and baptism certificate (if applicable) and proof of address.

When a child's place is being applied for, the parent/carer will need to complete a Parent Declaration form and if applying for 30 hours, a Funding Code form.

We welcome visits to our Nursery, and will happily arrange a visit for parents and children. This will provide families with an opportunity to meet the staff and allow the child to feel comfortable in the environment they are about to start.

Admission Criteria

1. Baptised Catholic children who are looked after or previously looked after.
2. Baptised Catholic children living in the parish of St. Joseph's the Worker, who have a sibling attending St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Catholic children living in the parish of St. Joseph's the Worker.
4. Other Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling attending St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School at the time of admission.
5. Other Baptised Catholic children.
6. Non-Catholic children who are looked after or previously looked after.
7. Non-Catholic children who have a sibling attending St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School at the time of admission.
8. Children of other Christian beliefs.
9. Non-Catholic children.

Over Subscription

In the event that we are oversubscribed in Nursery, we will add children to our waiting list and this will be in order of criteria rather than date order.

Reception Places

Attendance at St. Joseph's Nursery does not automatically guarantee that a place will be offered in the Reception class of St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School. Parents must apply for a Reception place in exactly the same way as parents of children not attending the Nursery. All applications will be considered against the oversubscription criteria by the Local Governing Body in the same way regardless of whether the child does or does not attend the Nursery at the time of application.