



Whitley Abbey Primary School

Nursery Admissions Policy

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School Vision

At Whitley Abbey...

We aim for everyone to be valued, safe and happy.

We nurture the mental and physical wellbeing of our community.

We celebrate life experiences and enjoy sharing new ones together.

Through rich learning opportunities we help children to develop a love of learning.

We strive to open children's minds to life's possibilities.

Through the Whitley Core Values we develop kindness, friendship, courage, honesty, resilience and gratitude.

We are proud to have Team Whitley in our hearts.

Hand in hand we learn.

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General Information

The location of nursery provision in Coventry has been determined according to a number of key factors, including social need, population of birth to five and geographic accessibility. The area from which our admissions are drawn should ideally in the first instance reflect the catchment area of the school. However not all primary schools have an attached nursery and therefore those that do have a nursery are expected to serve the wider community in which they are based. When children join our nursery it is important that parents/carers are aware of the differences between the designated area of the nursery and the catchment area of the primary school.

Aims

- To give children and parents as much information about Whitley Abbey Primary School and the education we provide as possible
- To make each child's start a happy and successful one
- To begin a partnership with parents that will be lasting

Procedures

At Whitley Abbey Primary School children normally start nursery the term after their third birthday (born between 1st April and 31st August start Autumn Term, born between 1st September and 31st December start Spring Term and born between 1st January and 31st March start Summer Term).

Places will be offered to children after their eligible term start date pending availability of places.

Applications/Expressions of Interest can be made at any time before the child reaches eligibility for nursery funding or any time after their third birthday during their eligibility period.

Currently Whitley Abbey Primary carry out a termly intake of pupils (1st January, 1st April and 1st September, Spring, Summer and Autumn terms) pending availability of spaces. Details will be held on a central file at school and parents/carers will be contacted prior to the term that their child is eligible to start a funded nursery place. Applications that are unsuccessful due to oversubscription will also be advised of this and their names placed on a waiting list until a suitable place becomes available. All information held will be treated as confidential and in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 and Data Protection Act 2018.

Whitley Abbey Primary offer part-time places to children, ie 15 hours per week, either 8.30am-11.30am or 12.45pm-3.45pm Monday to Friday. We also offer a small number of 30 hour places where parents are entitled to the extended funding due to personal circumstances. Thirty hour places are reviewed annually and are not guaranteed to be offered every academic year.

Where 30 hour places are offered this would provide nursery sessions from 8.30am to 2.30pm, Monday to Friday. Pupils can then be collected at 2.30pm at the end of their six-hour provision or Whitley Abbey Primary offer an extension to the 30 hours whereby a child can remain at nursery until the end of the afternoon session at 3.45pm for which there is a small fee, currently set at £5 per session (£25 per week).

Nursery has 24 places both in the morning and the afternoon.

Whitley Abbey Primary will also provide nursery places that are chargeable where spaces in the provision allows for this. This could be in the form of a child eligible for 15 hours funded attending full days and paying for their second session/additional hours.

Whitley Abbey Primary will endeavour to be flexible in places that can be offered. The ideal is that pupils attend 15 hours per week over five days, however where there is a need, and if places are available, the school will be flexible in accommodating requests. For example 15 hours over 2 days etc

Whitley Abbey Primary will consider, where spaces are available offering places to children as soon as they reach the age of 3. These places are offered on a chargeable basis until the child's funding begins the term after their 3rd birthday.

Currently Whitley Abbey Primary School charge £15 per session (AM or PM) where funding is not received for the child and £5 per session for the extended day (where a child does a full day their finish time is 2.30pm, however a child can remain in Nursery until the end of the afternoon session (the extended day)

Nursery Education Entitlement

Children are entitled to 15 or 30 funded hours per week (30 hours based on specific criteria and eligibility) the term after their third birthday.

A child may only have a place at one Local Authority nursery. Where a child also attends a private or voluntary sector setting, parents/carers should be made aware that the child is not eligible for Nursery education funding in that setting if they take up their full entitlement in the school nursery.

However, a parent/carer may choose for their child to receive their entitlement by attending two settings. One setting providing Universal Entitlement with the second setting providing the extended entitlement.

Parents/Carers wishing to split their entitlement over two settings must be given equal consideration as those applying for a place at the school nursery only.

Allocation of Nursery Places

Where there are more applications for a place in nursery than the admission limit places will be offered based on the date an application was received by the school.

Attendance Criteria

Pupils who are offered a Nursery place are expected to attend all sessions offered. Attendance of nursery pupils is monitored in the same way pupils are monitored in years Reception to Year 6. Failure to attend regularly could risk removal of that place and it being offered to a child on the waiting list (where parents have requested a nursery place but due to none being available are waiting until a place becomes available).

Any absence of a nursery pupil, for whatever reason, must be reported to the school office on the morning of the day of absence. Should a child be absent from nursery and we have

not been contacted our Pastoral team or the office will make contact with parents to establish the reason for absence as we have a duty of care for all our pupils.

Wraparound for Nursery Pupils

From September 2021 we are opening our wraparound provision 'Abbey Oaks' to nursery pupils. Sessions are available both before and after morning and afternoon Nursery and are charged at our current Nursery wraparound rates. For more information please see our Wraparound Policy booklet for Parents.