

Admissions Policy



Admission for 2016 - 2017

We have two admission points for pupils depending on age and eligibility:

- Term after a child's second birthday – eligibility criteria applies
- Term after a child's third birthday – all children

Admission for a Two Year Old

Parents of children who are, or will be turning two can apply for a 15 hour funded place. Admissions for two year olds require parents to apply to Wolverhampton City Council. Places are offered to families who may meet the following criteria:

- are in receipt of Income Support
- are in receipt of income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- are in receipt of income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- receive support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act (NASS)
- receive the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Are working and:

- receive Child Tax credit (but not Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income less than £16,190
- receive Working Tax Credits and have an annual household income less than £16,190
- receive Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- is a Looked After 2 year old child (or a child that has been in Local Authority care for one day or more)
- is an adopted 2 year old (from Local Authority Care)
- receive Disability Living Allowance
- care for a 2 year old child that has left the care of the Local Authority through a Special Guardianship or Child Arrangement Order or an Adoption Order
- care for a 2 year old child with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan

Applications should be made at: <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/terrificfortwo>

Parents will receive confirmation that their application has been successful and once this confirmation is presented to the school office a place, if available, will be offered.

Admission for a Three Year Old

The main point of admission for three year olds is in the Autumn term when the most vacancies are available following the transition of four year olds to Primary School. If places are available after this time they will be offered throughout the year.

Parents are eligible to 15 hours of free nursery entitlement per week over 38 week period either 5 mornings or 5 afternoons.

Parents are able to register their child at the Nursery School at any age by contacting the school office either in person or by telephone on 01902 556491. Once parents have registered their interest in a school place their child will be placed on the waiting list for the next available intake.

Children awaiting government funded places for 3 & 4 yr olds who are not already attending the Terrific for Twos class, are organised according to their date of birth with age as the main criteria governing admission. The length of time a child has been registered plays no part in selection.

Admission Criteria

Where insufficient places are available to accommodate all the children on the schools waiting list, the following criteria will be applied.

1. Special Educational Needs

The admission of children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) or an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) will be agreed between the LA's SEN Statutory Assessment and Review Team, parents and school in accordance with parental preference, as far as possible, and the child's individual needs. Children with Statements of SEN or an EHCP are given overall priority.

2. Looked After Children (as defined by Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) and previously looked after children.

Priority will be given to a child who is in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority or a child who has been adopted (or is subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order) immediately following being in the care of a Local Authority.

3. Siblings currently attending the school

If the child has a sibling who currently attends the school. A sibling is a child who resides permanently at the same address as the child for whom a place is being requested, and is one of the following: -

- brother/sister
- half brother/sister (i.e. share one common parent)
- or stepbrother/sister (i.e. related by a parent's marriage)
- any other child for whom it can be demonstrated that s/he is residing permanently at the same address (e.g. under the terms of a residence order).

The sibling connection only applies where the child concerned has a sibling attending the school at the time of admission.

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