



ADMISSION POLICY FOR VICTORIA NURSERY

The Headteacher and governors will determine the number of places available in the nursery each year based on funding and staffing provision.

The number of places available from September 2021 is 68 in total. Ideally this should be made up of around 52 pre-Reception children (26 in the morning, 26 in the afternoon) and 16 for Little Victors children (8 in the morning, 8 in the afternoon). However, this is flexible and at the discretion of the headteacher depending on the needs and circumstances of the children and staffing at that particular moment.

A Criteria for admission for pre-Reception year children:

1. The child is aged 3 years old by 1st September of the academic year of entrance.
2. **Oversubscription Criteria**
3. If the total number of preferences for admission to a nursery age setting exceeds the number of available places, then the following order of priority will be used to allocate the available places.
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 - 1) Children in Care and children who ceased to be in care because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).
 - 2) Children who satisfy both of the following tests:

Test 1: the child is distinguished from the great majority of other applicants either on their own individual medical grounds or by other exceptional circumstances. Medical grounds must be supported by a medical report (obtained by the applicant and provided at the point of application). This report must clearly justify, for health reasons only, why it is better for the child's health to attend the preferred maintained nursery rather than any other nursery.

Exceptional circumstances must relate to the choice of nursery and the individual child, i.e. the circumstances of the child, not the specific economic or social circumstances of the parent/carer, and be supported by a professional report (obtained by the applicant and provided at the point of application), e.g. social worker, justifying why it is better for the child to attend the preferred maintained nursery rather than any other nursery.

Test 2: the child would suffer hardship if they were unable to attend the preferred nursery setting.

Hardship means severe suffering of any kind, not merely difficulty or inconvenience, which is likely to be experienced as a result of the child attending a different school. Applicants must provide detailed information about both the type and severity of any likely hardship at the time of application.

- 3) Children who have an elder brother or sister in attendance at the school and who will still be attending the school at the time of the proposed admission date. (For admission purposes, a brother or sister is a child who lives at the same address and either: have one or both natural parents in common; are related by a parents marriage; are adopted or fostered by a common parent or are unrelated children who live at the same address, whose parents live as partners.)
- 4) Children living within the defined catchment or cluster area of the preferred setting. Cluster areas for nursery age settings will sometimes, but not always, correspond to the catchment area for the main school.
- 5) Other children arranged in order of priority according to how near their home addresses are to the main gate of the nursery setting, determined by a straight-line measurement as calculated using the Local Authority's Geographical Information System.

B Flexible hours

Pre-Reception children are entitled to three hours of free nursery education per school day, amounting to 15 hours per week. The aim of this is to help assist parents into work or education. The Headteacher and Governors offer this in 3 options:

1. A three hour morning session 8.40 am – 11.40 am
2. A three hour afternoon session 12.20 pm - 3.20 pm
3. A two and a half day block placement which could be all day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday until 11.40 am or Wednesday from 12.20pm, all day Thursday and Friday.

In addition the Nursery will offer free 30 hours to those who qualify (both parents working 16 hours or more a week).

C Little Victors

Little Victors is the name for the child care provision which forms our pre -school nursery. There are limited places available for this group. The admission criteria is as above apart for the age criteria.

The following applies for admission by age:-

1. Admission from the date they turn three years of age, if there are sufficient places available.
2. Admission on the first day of Spring 1 Term (January) if they reached the age of three between September 1st and December 31st.
3. Admission on the first day of Summer Term 1 if they have reached the age of three between January 1st and March 31st, subject to available places.

Pre-Little Victors

If a child comes with a Golden Ticket before their 3rd birthday, they can only be admitted if it is the half term before they turn 3 years old and they must be toilet trained.

D Paid Services

It is possible for parents to pay for additional sessions at a cost of £12.50 per session (3 hours), if staffing ratios are adequate.

Parents of children staying for 30-hour sessions can purchase lunchtime care at a cost of £2. If a hot meal is required then the total cost is £3 per lunchtime. Otherwise children can bring a packed lunch.