



Atherstone Nursery School



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**Bedworth Heath Nursery School & Early Years Teaching Centre**

# **Admissions Policy For 3 and 4 year olds**

## **Website Edition**

## Timing of admission to nursery schools

In Warwickshire children normally start nursery education in the term following their third birthday.

All three and four year olds are entitled to 15 hours of free nursery education per week, over no fewer than 38 weeks of the year. This applies until they reach compulsory school age (the term following their fifth birthday).

The table below details when children become eligible for the free entitlement

<b>A child born in the period:</b>	<b>Will become eligible for a free place:</b>
1st April 2013 to 31st August 2015	1st September 2015 (Autumn school term)
1st September 2013 to 31st December 2013	1st January 2016 (Spring school term)
1st January 2014 to 31st March 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016 (Summer school term)
1st April 2014 to 31st August 2014	1st September 2017 (Autumn school term)
1st September 2014 to 31st December 2014	1st January 2018 (Spring school term)
1st January 2015 to 31st March 2015	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2018 (Summer school term)
1st April 2015 to 31st August 2015	1st September 2018 (Autumn school term)
1st September 2015 to 31st December 2015	1st January 2019 (Spring school term)

Each nursery will administer its own applications. Children will be admitted at the beginning of each term, dependent upon the start date for that term.

The closing dates for applications and the dates on which offers will be made are set out below

<b>Term</b>	<b>Closing date for applications</b>	<b>Offers made</b>
Autumn	Monday of the second week in January	Friday of the fourth week in January
Spring	Monday of the last week in September	Friday of the third week in October
Summer	Monday of the last week in February	Friday of the third week in February

**Parents will have two weeks to accept the place offered.**

### **Bedworth Heath Nursery School Sessions**

- We currently admit children to the Nursery School for half a day (morning session: 8.30 am – 11.30am or afternoon session: 12.30pm – 3.30pm for five sessions a week.

**Extended Care at BHN:** Extended care can be offered through

- Purchase of a lunch club space (11.30 – 12.30)
- Purchase of additional sessions to cover the period 8.30 - 3.30 where there is availability

## Session Patterns

- This session pattern available is subject to change each year dependent upon staffing and budgetary conditions.
- Every effort is made to offer children their preferred place, morning or afternoon, but the Governors cannot guarantee that parent will be offered the session they have chosen.
- After children have been admitted, you may be asked to withdraw them if they do not attend regularly

**Admissions Criteria:** *If there are more applications than there are places, the following process will apply*

In the event that the number of applications to a maintained nursery school exceeds its published admissions number (PAN), the following criteria will be applied in the order below when allocating places:

1. Children with a statement of special educational needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the nursery school.
2. Children in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, a local authority (under Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) and children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).
3. A child with a child protection plan in place.
4. A vulnerable pupil with a CAF in place (or its replacement) or where evidence from the relevant professional(s) can demonstrate to the governing body that a nursery school place will benefit the child's educational, social, emotional or health development rather than any other provider.
5. A child known by the local authority to have additional educational needs where evidence from the relevant professional(s) can demonstrate to the governing body that a nursery school place will benefit the child's educational development rather than any other provider.
6. A child with a serious on going medical condition, where evidence from the relevant professional(s) can demonstrate to the governing body that a nursery school place will benefit the child's educational, social, emotional or health development rather than any other provider.
7. A child who has previously attended the nursery school as a funded 2 year old.
8. Any remaining places will be allocated to applicants living at a Warwickshire address, with priority being decided on the basis of distance between the nursery school and the child's home address.

*Distance will be calculated by straight-line measurement from the applicant's home address to the school in question. If the distance between two addresses is identical then the admissions team at the council will carry out further measurements.*

## Non-admission to a nursery school

Admission to a nursery school is non-statutory and therefore there is no appeal against a decision to offer a place. Parents who are not satisfied that their child has not been offered a place may express their concerns to the nursery school's governing body who will consider each case on its merits, balancing the need to maintain child: adult ratios.

**Late applicants** Late applications will be considered after those received on time. Where places cannot be offered to late applicants, they will be added to the waiting list, in the order set out in the oversubscription criteria above.

**Waiting lists**

Waiting lists will operate for the term of entry. Where places become available, they will be offered from the waiting list in the order set out in the oversubscription criteria above. Waiting lists will be closed at the end of each term.

If no waiting list is operating, any places, which become available during the term will be offered according to the same criteria.

**Starting School**

A child does not have to start statutory schooling until the term after their fifth birthday. In exceptional circumstances parents may apply to the Local Authority and the Nursery School to request an extended placement. Each case will be considered on its own merit.

**Admission to school**

Admission to a nursery school does not guarantee admission to any particular school. A separate application must be made to the Local Authority via the on-line service

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/startingprimaryschool>