

Starting Nursery in Haringey in the Academic Year Commencing in September 2016

Admission Criteria for Nursery Classes in Community Primary Schools and St. Aidan's VC School

Children may have a part-time place in a nursery centre or a class attached to a school in the September following their third birthday. If there are more requests than part-time places available, the admission rules (over-subscription criteria) explained below will be used to decide which children will be admitted. There is no right of appeal against the decision to refuse admission of children to nurseries.

Parents/carers should note that admission to a nursery class in a school does not guarantee a place in the reception class at the same school. Parent/carers must complete their home authority School Admissions Application Form, which will be available on line, by 15 January in the academic year their child turns four.

Admission Criteria for part time places

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan or statement of special educational needs naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1) Children in Care/Looked After Children

Children who are looked after by a local authority or were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order.

A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

2) Social/Medical

Children who the Authority accepts have an exceptional medical or social need for a place at one specific school. Applications will only be considered under this category if they are supported by a written statement from a doctor, social worker or other relevant independent professional. The information must confirm the exceptional medical or social need and demonstrate how the specified school is the only school that can meet the defined needs of the child.

3) Brother or Sister

Children who will have a brother or sister attending the school (or its associated Infant or Junior school) at the time of admission. This category includes foster brothers and sisters, half brothers and sisters, stepbrothers and sisters or adopted brothers and sisters. Parents should note that in all these cases, the brother or sister must be living at the same address as the child for whom the application is being made.

5) Distance

Children living closest to the preferred school.

The tie-breaker for all criteria is children living closest to the school measured in a straight line from the home post office address point to the entrance of the school's using a computerised mapping system.

The tiebreak for two or more applications that live exactly the same distance from the school will be random allocation using a computerised system.