



Riverside Primary School

Admissions Policy for Nursery

2023-2024

Riverside Primary School provides education for 3-4 year olds in a Nursery Class. Children are admitted once they have reached their third birthday.

We offer 15 hours per week, morning sessions only. This is delivered Monday to Friday from 9.00am – 12.00pm, term time only.

The Governing Body of Riverside Primary School has set the following criteria for admissions into Nursery Classes.

If the Nursery becomes oversubscribed* at any point in an academic year, (*when there are insufficient places available for the number of children on the application/waiting list who have reached their third birthday), then places will be allocated on the following basis:

1. Children who are 'Looked After' in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989 in the care of a Local Authority or children who were looked after by the Local Authority and immediately after that became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order
2. Children who (i) live in our catchment area with (ii) brothers/sisters already in school and who (iii) will continue into the Reception Class if offered a place

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4. Children out of catchment who (i) have brothers/sisters already in school and who (ii) will continue into the Reception Class if offered a place
5. Children out of catchment who do not have brothers/sisters already in school and who (i) will continue into the Reception class if offered a place.

In line with North Tyneside Local Authority guidance, the school can exercise discretion in offering places when special, social or medical circumstances are drawn to our attention. We call these Exceptional Criteria and include:

- a) Children who are at an educational disadvantage because their use of the English language is minimal or non-existent
- b) Failure to thrive socially, medically or psychologically
- c) Physical, sensory or learning difficulties

In the event of a tie in any category, priority would be given to children who are older and who would be eligible for a Reception Class place in the following September and where an offer for a Reception Class place at our school would be accepted.

Application Process for a Nursery Place

Parents may register their interest in a place at the nursery at any time following their child's birth, by contacting the school office. The child's birth certificate will be required as proof of their date of birth. These children will be entered on a waiting list to be considered for a place when they reach their third birthday. Placing a child's name on the waiting list does not guarantee that a place will become available for the child.

Admission into Riverside Primary School Nursery does NOT give any priority for subsequent admission into Riverside Primary School Reception Class. Reception Class places are offered by North Tyneside Council (Admissions Authority). The criteria used are outlined in the 'Essential Guide to North Tyneside', available on the council's website.

Please note: the length of time a child's name has been on the Nursery waiting list is not a criterion for admission.

Any queries parents have regarding the allocation of Nursery places should be submitted to the Chair of the Governors.

It should be noted that a Nursery place may be withdrawn if intentionally misleading or fraudulent information is given to obtain a place.

Places not taken up within two weeks of the offer being made will be withdrawn. Parents are then free to reapply but should note that a reapplication will be subject to the over-subscription criteria should a place not be available.