



# Admissions Policy

## Nursery

Families are able to register for a place in the school nursery as soon as they wish.

There are 180 places available for 2 to 4 year old Nursery Children. 40 of these places are for children eligible for an 'Achieving Two Year Olds' place, (A2YO).

Children are admitted at 3 key points in the year:

### Children 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday falls between

1 January - 31 March

1 April - 31 August

1 September - 31 December

### Places are available from

the start of the summer term (after Easter)

the start of the autumn term (September)

the start of the spring term (January)

Children will be admitted on a first come first served basis. Children can only be admitted up to the admission number.

A2YO registration forms can be obtained from Abingdon Primary and Children's Centre. The Nursery will contact parents when a place is available and arrange a home visit.

## Children 3 Year Old

All children are welcome to join the nursery when they turn 3 years old depending on availability of space. Children will be admitted in birth order up to the admission number. All children are entitled to 15 hours of free nursery education the term after their third birthday.

## Main School

Children are admitted into full-time school in the September of the academic year when they will reach 5 years old. Due to the large number of applications for places at Abingdon, a place in our Nursery does not, unfortunately, guarantee a place in our Reception class. The Local Authority has a set of criteria for allocating Reception places. (see appendix 1)

As part of the Co-operative Learning Trust, Abingdon is classed as a Foundation School but we are still a Local Authority Maintained School and we follow the Middlesbrough Council admissions code and procedures. You can use the link below to apply for a place.

Middlesbrough Council website:

<https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-school-admissions>

## Appeals

Should the Local Authority be unable to meet your preference for a particular school, on request, full details of how to make an appeal will be sent to you. Parents can only appeal once for any academic year unless there has been a change in circumstances relevant to the application. The appeal panel's decision is final and binding on the schools, parents and Local Authority.

## Appendix 1

### Over-Subscription Criteria

Where more parents/carers have expressed a preference for a particular school than the admission number, the Local Authority must apply its over-subscription criteria in deciding which parents/carers preferences can be met.

After the admission of children with Statements of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health & Care Plan where a particular school is named in the Statement or Plan, the over subscription criteria will be applied as follows:

#### Primary Admissions

- i) 'Children looked after' (in public care), and children previously 'looked after', but ceased to be so because they were adopted\* immediately following having been looked after. (\* or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order).
- ii) Children permanently resident in the Admission Zone, i.e. the address at which the child is registered for child benefit, who express a preference for that school (proof of address may be required).
- iii) Children who will have a brother and/or step brother and/or sister and/or step sister or the child of the parent/carer's partner living at the same address attending the school in the September of admission.
- iv) Children with exceptional social and / or medical reasons for attending the school, which in the latter circumstances are substantiated by the LA medical advisors. A letter from the child's GP or other relevant professional such as a social worker must be submitted with the application. Social reasons do not include domestic arrangements such as parents working commitments or childcare arrangements. Only exceptional circumstances such as parents who have a disability, which may mean their child must attend a particular school, will be considered. (In this instance a letter from the parent's GP or other relevant professional such as a social worker must be submitted with the application).
- v) Children who reside closest to a particular school, measured in a straight line. The measure will be taken from the front door of the child's home to the main entrance of the school.

When distinguishing between children within the same criteria the child with the highest second criteria will be admitted i.e. a child living within the admission zone who has a brother or sister attending the school in the September of admission will have a higher criteria than a child who lives in the admission zone but does not have a brother or sister attending the school.

N.B Attendance at our school nursery does not guarantee a place in the Reception class.