



Admission to the Nursery

Devonshire Primary School is responsible for allocating places in the Nursery in accordance with the published admissions criteria which can be found in the 'Starting Nursery' booklet - <https://devonshire-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/nursery-admissions/>

There is one main intake for the Nursery each year, which will be in September. Applications for admission to the Nursery for the beginning of the term after the child turns 3 must be made using the online application form which can be found on <https://devonshire-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/nursery-admissions/> and submitted by the closing date set out on the school's website.

The earliest that a child will normally be considered to join the Nursery is at the beginning of the September following his/her third birthday. It may however, be possible for younger children to gain a place starting mid-way through the year, subject to the availability of places. Further information is available on the school website.

For 2024 – 25, there is only a 26 place morning Nursery session. If the Nursery is over-subscribed, the school will maintain a waiting list according to the published oversubscription criteria.

Once an offer has been accepted an on-line Admission Booklet will be emailed to parents/carers for completion. Parents/carers will be offered a visit to the Nursery and a home visit before their child starts the Nursery.

Nursery admissions from the waiting list will not be offered a home visit and the offer will be for a morning place.

Admission to Reception

Devonshire Primary School is a maintained school. Therefore, the London Borough of Sutton (LBS) is the school's admission authority and responsible for admissions to the school.

The school will act in accordance with directions given by LBS as to admissions. Details of the admission arrangements, criteria and final dates for applications are published by the Admissions team of LBS for each year of admission. See www.sutton.gov.uk/admissions.

The school's governing body and LBS have agreed that the published admission number for Reception is 90.

Applications for admission for entry into Reception in the September after the child turns 4 must be made online at www.sutton.gov.uk/admissions and submitted by the closing date as described in the LBS Starting School booklet. Places are allocated on the basis of the preferences that are shown on the application form. In the case of over subscription, places are allocated according to the admissions criteria set by the LBS.

An application for admission to Reception is required from children who are in the Nursery. No priority is given to children who are in the Nursery.

The 90 children in Reception are grouped into 3 classes, with a maximum of 30 children per class. Staff will divide the children between the 3 classes ensuring a spread of ages and gender. Children of multiple births e.g. twins will be allocated a class based on their individual need as determined by the school. Parents must let the school know when they accept their child's place if there are any factors they wish the staff to take into account when arranging the classes. The school will consider all requests but cannot guarantee to meet them.

If Reception is oversubscribed, LBS will maintain a waiting list according to its published oversubscription criteria until the date specified in the LBS Starting School booklet. Parents/carers should contact LBS by the specified date if they wish their child's name to remain on the waiting list. After that date parents/carers must complete an in-term application form in order for their child to be placed on the waiting list. Applicants will be ranked and any places allocated from that list in accordance with LBS published criteria.

Once the school has been informed that the offer of a place at the school has been accepted, staff will contact the parent/carer to offer an introductory talk and session and to arrange a home visit.

In order to ensure that children have the best possible start at school, children initially attend for a morning session, building up to a whole day when ready. Most children will stay for the whole day within a week of starting school.

Casual admissions to the school

The LBS is responsible for dealing with in-term admissions. These are admissions to the school other than admissions to the Nursery and Reception as described in the preceding sections of this policy.

If there are more applications than vacancies available, a waiting list will be maintained by the LBS and applicants will be ranked and any places allocated from that list in accordance with LBS published criteria.

Relationship to other policies

This policy should be read in conjunction with the school's Equality policy and all policies referred to in that policy.

Roles and responsibilities of Headteacher, other staff and governors

The Headteacher will ensure that pupils are only admitted in accordance with this policy.

All staff are expected to follow this policy when advising prospective parents and admitting pupils.

The governing body will ensure that admission arrangements are published on the website and are made available to parents and prospective parents.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually in the Summer term.