



Fairfields Primary School & Nursery

Nursery Admissions Policy 2027-28

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1. Information

At Fairfields we prioritise the individual needs of the child and adapt our environments, timetables and practice, to help your child reach their full potential through play, exploration and targeted learning. Unlike childcare provisions, our nursery curriculum is designed and overseen by qualified school teachers who understand exactly what foundational skills children need, in order to thrive as they progress through their academic journey, in our home-away-from-home environment.

We also recognise the need for working families to have schools that are able to help with childcare for Nursery-age children and offer extended days until 5:25pm. We can also offer Early Birds for Nursery-aged children who are siblings of current Fairfields pupils.

Nursery admissions work on a rolling basis, supported by a 2-year early years learning goal curriculum, admitting 3-year olds for either 3, 4, 5 or 6 school terms, designed to give children the best start in their early education and readiness for full-time school when they may join us in Reception.

2. Dates

September 2027-2028:

Nursery applications for a September start in 2027 are open for children born between: **1st September 2023 and 31st March 2025.**

In-year admissions 2026-2027:

Nursery admissions for the current academic year 2026-2027, where spaces allow, are open for children born between; **1st September 2022 and 31st March 2024.**

Applications close Friday 27th March 2027. Places will be offered from the week commencing 20th April 2027 with parents/carers having one week to accept the offer.

We reserve the right to withdraw an allocation if a child is not able to start in September.

3. Admission

All children are entitled to 15 hours free early education (15 hours FEE) from the term after their 3rd birthday. We offer the statutory 15 hours of free early education (FEE) over five days with children being offered either:

- five mornings - 8:45am – 11:45am
- five afternoons - 12:15pm – 3:15pm

1st September 2024 - 31st December 2024 qualify for a January 2028 start

1st January 2025 - 31st March 2025 qualify for an April 2028 start

Children born between 1st April 2025 and 31st August 2025 will qualify for a September 2028 start

Parents must take up the full 15-hour free provision unless a temporary reduced timetable is agreed as part of an extended transition.

Additionally, we have spaces for 30-hour sessions with the additional hours spread over 2 classes:

- Morning Nursery Session hours: 8:45am – 3:15pm
- Afternoon Nursery Session hours: 8:45am – 3:15pm

The timings for the 30-hour day are dependent on the Nursery session allocated but will operate from 8:45am-3:15pm each day.



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The 30-hour provision can be funded through the government funded 30-hour childcare scheme, or alternatively parents/carers can pay for the additional provision at a cost of £75 per week (we do ask that you commit to a full term at time)

[Click here](#) to check your eligibility and for further information on 30-hours childcare

4. Nursery Provision

In Nursery we offer one intake with the following 2 provisions:

- **15 Hours** comprised of five qualified teacher-led morning sessions
- **30 hours**

30-hour Nursery Session hours: 8:45am – 3:15pm

Our 30-hour provision is now comprised of 30 hours of **Teacher-led nursery education** these sessions also include a **free** lunch club, with the option of purchasing school meals or providing a home-packed lunch.

Government 30-hour childcare scheme: for those parents who qualify for the 30-hour provision, to check your eligibility and for further information on 30-hours eligibility please check the Gov.uk website.

Parents who do not qualify for the Government 30-hour childcare scheme: for those parents who do not qualify for the government scheme we offer a paid-for 30-hour provision. The cost of this provision is £75 per week and must be committed to on an ongoing basis, with at least one terms notice to cease.

Applications can be made via the Fairfields Primary School & Nursery website [Fairfields Primary School & Nursery](#)

Night Owlets – After School wrap around care



We offer wraparound care for Nursery-aged children; which operates as an early years after school wraparound care facility from 3.15pm – 5:25pm for Nursery aged children, this session will also include Reception children.

The first hour of Night Owlets (3:25pm-4:25pm) is based in the Nursery building where the children will be able to access the early years resources and equipment and is staffed by Fairfields Early Years Teaching assistants.

NB. Upon request we can accommodate Nursery-aged children in Early Birds for the 7:50am start, for siblings of existing Fairfields pupils.

5. Oversubscription

If we receive more applications than places available for our Nursery, we will apply the following rules when allocating places:

Rule 1: Children Looked After and children who were Previously Looked After, including those who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England, and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or a special guardianship order.

Rule 2: Medical or Social Children for whom it can be demonstrated that they have a particular medical or social need to go to the school. The SENCo in consultation with the Head will determine



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whether the evidence provided is sufficiently compelling to meet the requirements for this rule. The evidence must relate specifically to the school and must clearly demonstrate why it is the only school that can meet the child's needs.

Rule 3: Staff: Children of existing Fairfields staff

Rule 4: Sibling: Children who have a sibling on roll at the school at the time of application. This applies to reception through to Year 5.

Rule 5: Distance: Children who live nearest to the school.

These rules are applied in the order they are printed above. If more children qualify under a particular rule than there are places available, a tie break will be used by applying the next rule to those children.

5.1 Tie Break

When there is a need for a tie-break, where two different addresses are the same distance from the school, in the case of a block of flats for example, the lower door number will be deemed nearest as logically this will be on the ground floor and therefore closer. If there are two identical addresses of separate applicants, the tie-break will be random. Every child entered onto the HCC admissions database has an individual random number assigned, between 1 and 1 million, against each preference school. When there is a need for a final tie-break the random number is used to allocate the place, with the lowest number given priority.

5.2 Continuing Interest

After places have been offered, Fairfields Primary School & Nursery will maintain a continuing interest (waiting) list. A child's position on a CI list will be determined by the admission criteria outlined above and a child's place on the list can change as other children join or leave it. The school will contact parents/carers if a vacancy becomes available and it can be offered to a child.

6. In-Year Admission

We operate three main admission intakes for Nursery aged children admitting children in September, January and April, however, where space allows, we will accept children in-year who are born between the qualifying dates set out in section 2.

Parents should make sure they are aware of and comply with the notice requirements of the setting their child currently attends.

7. Starting Nursery

All children starting in our nursery will receive a home visit by our nursery staff. We stagger the start dates for new entrants to the nursery over the first few weeks of the term in order to help children settle and enable staff to get to know them.

Please note that in order to start at Nursery the following forms will need to be provided to the school office:

- The original Birth Certificate (this does not need to be retained just made available to view)
- Fairfields Primary School & Nursery Data Collection Form
- Early Years Sessions Application Form & Parent Declaration Form (including the child's NHS number) – Appendix A



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Appendix A –Early Years Sessions Application Form

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS						
Child's details						
First name:						
Middle name:						
Family name:						
Date of Birth:	/	/		Gender:		M/F
NHS number:				_ _ _ / _ _ _ / _ _ _ _		
30 Hour Code: (if applicable)						
Your relationship to the child: (e.g. mother/father/carer)						
Your child's permanent address (at time of application)						
Address:						
Special Educational Needs Does your child have a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP)?						Yes/No
At risk: Is your child, or a sibling of your child, subject of an inter-agency child protection plan and has been placed on the Child Protection Register? (Please provide evidence with this form)						Yes/No
Children in Public Care Is your child looked after, or was previously looked after and is now adopted, or with a child arrangements or special guardianship order?						Yes/No
Social or medical reasons Do you have a particular medical or social need to go to this school? (Please provide supporting evidence with this form)						Yes/No
Early years setting child currently attends or has attended (if applicable)						
15-hour FEE Nursery: In line with our admission policy, we ask that you send your child to every weekday Teacher-led Nursery Session Monday – Friday either:						
AM	8.45am-11.45am	PM	12.15pm-3.15pm	depending on the session allocated		
30-Hours Childcare: If you qualify for 30 hours you may take up 5 full days a week, if you only wish to take up some of the provision please indicate which days below:						
Please tick the days you would like your child to attend: 8:45am-3:15pm						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total
Tick						
Please note that the unused sessions may be offered to other families and changes will only be possible if or when space is available.						
Split/shared 30-hour provision: If you are splitting your 30-hour allocation						Yes/No
Second Provision Name:						
Please advise the second provision that as a school we are eligible for and will be claiming for the universal 15 Nursery hours						



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Please complete the details for both parents if living at the same address:			
		Parent/carer 1 details	Parent/carer 2 details
Title:			
Forename:			
Surname:			
DOB:			
National Insurance Number:			
National Asylum Support Service (NASS) Number (if applicable):			
Email address:			
Telephone numbers			
Daytime:		Mobile:	
I confirm that the details above are correct to the best of my knowledge.			
Signature of parent/carer:			
OFFICE USE ONLY:	Date Received:		
	Input on EYFEE:		

DECLARATION

- The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that my personal information will be held securely and will be used only for local authority purposes.
- I agree to Fairfields Primary School & Nursery School using this information to confirm my application for a nursery place. I understand that if any part of this completed application form is found false the offer of a place will be withdrawn.
- I understand that, in being offered a place in the nursery class, I will have to apply separately for a place in reception.

Signature of parent/guardian:Date:

Thank you for completing this information. Please return to the school office asap



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Notes to Parents/Carers

How the information on this form will be used:

By completing this form and signing the declaration you are agreeing for Fairfields Primary School & Nursery, if they are oversubscribed, to check whether your child's details meet the school's published admission rules and if he/she can be offered a nursery place.

Any personal data collected will be treated as confidential under the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998. We will not use the data for any other purpose, nor will we share your data with any third parties other than the Department for Education (for statutory reporting), Hertfordshire County Council departments who may from time to time send you advice, guidance and information relating to changes to early years provision and educational services that are relevant and/or of benefit to your child, and your local children's centre who support the local authority by assisting families to access the services that children are entitled to.

Children who have been adopted from care, or are subject to a special guardianship order, or a child arrangements order.

Eligibility will be based on your declaration that your child was formally a Child Looked After and on the evidence of their status e.g. a copy of the relevant order. This form and a copy of the relevant order should be seen by the school and they will confirm with Hertfordshire County Council that they have seen confirmation and enable a place to be offered under this criteria.