



Fairfields Primary School & Nursery

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1. Information

Nursery applications for September 2026 school year are open for children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023.

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

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 space for 30-hour sessions which operate from 8:45am-3:15pm each day.

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

In addition to our September intake, we also offer 15 & 30-hour spaces for 3-year-olds for children born between 1st September 2023 and 31st March 2024, who qualify for 15 hours free early education the term following their 3rd birthday.

- ✓ 1st September 2023 - 31st December 2023 qualify for a January 2027 start
- ✓ 1st January 2024 - 31st March 2024 qualify for an April 2027 start

Children born between 1st April 2024 and 31st August 2024 will qualify for a September 2027 start January and April places are allocated under the same admission rules as the main Nursery; however, they will have automatic admission to our main Nursery in the following September.

Applications close Friday 6th March 2026, places will be offered from the week commencing 16th March 2026 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 at the start of term.

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 – 4.25pm for Nursery aged children, this session will also include Reception children for the first hour 3:25pm-4:25pm.

This new wrap around care is known as Night Owlets and is based in the Littlefields Nursery building where the children will be able to access the early years resources and equipment and is be staffed by Fairfields Early Years Teaching assistants.

2. Nursery Provision

In Nursery we offer three intakes with the following 2 provisions:

- **15 Hours** comprised of five qualified teacher led mornings sessions



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- **30 hours** comprised of 30 hours of qualified teacher led early education, these sessions also include a **free** lunch club, with the option of purchasing school meals or providing a home-packed lunch and are funded as either:
 - **Government 30-hour childcare scheme or**
 - **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 this will be comprised of 30 hours with a qualified Nursery class teacher, this includes a free lunch club. The cost of this provision is £75 per week and must be committed to for a whole term.

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

3. 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 order¹ 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 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 or linked 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.

3.1 Tie Break

Tie Break When there is a need for a tie break where two different addresses are the same distance from a 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.

3.2 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.

4. In-Year Admission



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We operate one main admission intake for Nursery aged children admitting all children currently 3 years old in September and allocating spaces for January & April. Where space allows, we will accept children in-year who are born between the qualifying dates set out in section 1.

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

5. 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:						
<i>Special Educational Needs</i> Does your child have a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP)?						Yes/No
<i>At risk:</i> 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
<i>Children in Public Care</i> 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
<i>Social or medical reasons</i> 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: <i>If you are splitting your 30-hour allocation</i>						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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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 School, 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 looked after child 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.