



Shropshire Council Nursery Classes

Admissions Policy

Children are admitted into St. Laurence's Little Treasures' Nursery from the term that they are 3: this is known as Rising 3's. However it should be borne in mind that funding will only be available from the term after the child turns 3.

St. Laurence's School should have a list of children whose parents have expressed a wish to attend the nursery. This decision should be taken using the following priorities.

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or EHCP which names a particular school will be allocated places, after which places are allocated according to an agreed set of criteria, in strict order of priority.

Priority 1:

Looked after children and former looked after children (who are then adopted) as long as they have an eligible birthdate but who need not reside in the school's designated catchment area.

Priority 2:

Children already attending nursery who wish to change the sessions they are attending or increase their sessions if they are not taking their full entitlement.

Priority 3:

Children living in the school's designated catchment area who have a sibling in the nursery or school and that sibling will be attending at the time the younger child starts nursery. If new places are limited, priority can be given to older children.

Priority 4:

Children living in the school's designated catchment area without siblings at the nursery or school. If new places are limited, priority can be given to older children.

Priority 5:

Children out of the school's catchment area with siblings in the nursery or school at the time the younger child starts nursery. If new places are limited, priority will be given to the children living closest to the nursery (distance from home to school measured as a straight line on a computerised mapping system).

Priority 6:

Children out of the school's catchment area without a sibling in the nursery or school. If new places are limited, priority will be given to the children living closest to the nursery. (Distance from home to school measured as a straight line on a computerised mapping system).

Priority 7:

If the school governors have decided to offer extra fee paying hours to children attending for their 15 free hours, this offer can only be made once all parental requests for free places have been dealt with and should not be given in situations that will prohibit a child from getting their free entitlement. The charges for these extra hours should be set at a reasonable market rate and not be seen to undercut any other provision in the area.

Each nursery class should have a timetable as to when you can apply for a place and when the decision to offer a place will be made.

There is no transport assistance to any nursery setting whether they are maintained by the Local Authority or privately. Please read on for more information on how to apply for a place at a primary school or secondary school.

Please remember:

- Attendance at a particular nursery/ nursery class or foundation class gives no guarantee that the child will gain a place at the school where the nursery/ nursery class/foundation class is located.
- Parents/carers must apply separately for their child to go to any primary or infant school via their council. Entering your child's details on a school's list at an early age is not a formal application for a school place
- The child's usual home address determines whether they are in a particular school's designated catchment area.
- It is the parent's/carer's duty to ensure that they have obtained all the necessary information and the correct form on which to apply for a primary or infant school place.

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