Acorns Nursery

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Acorns Nursery Admissions Policy 2027/2028

The Local Governing Body is the Admissions authority for our Nursery. Parents/Carers wishing to apply for a place must complete an application form and submit it directly to the Nursery.

We offer

- **Early Learning for 2-year-olds (previously FEET):** Eligible 2-year-olds (e.g., families receiving specific government benefits or children with extra support needs) can receive up to 15 hours a week
- **Universal Entitlement (Age 3 to 4):** All 3 and 4-year-olds are entitled to 15 hours of funded early education or childcare per week (570 hours per year). From the term after they turn 3.
- **Working Parent Entitlement (Age 9 months to 4 years):** Eligible working parents can receive up to 30 hours of funded childcare a week, from the term after their 2nd or 3rd birthday.
  Sessions run form 9am-3pm
- **Privately Funded Sessions:** Flexible options to suit your schedule, with a choice of morning (9:00am–12:00pm) or afternoon (12:00pm–3:00pm) sessions. **Fees apply for these paid sessions.**

Lunch, nappies and wipes are to be provided by the parent.

Any child who is offered a place at two years old will automatically have a right to a place at three years old until they transfer into a Reception class.

If the Nursery is over-subscribed, places will be offered as follows:

a) Looked after and previously looked after children;
b) Exceptional social/medical need;
c) Children who will have a sibling attending the nursery or the main school at the time of admission;
d) Children who will turn four during the school year prior to reception year.

Where the category is oversubscribed, children will be ranked according to the straight line distance that they live from the school with priority being given to children who live closest to the school. (If our Nursery is oversubscribed, we will maintain a waiting list in the order of criteria listed above).

Procedures for admission

We will inform parents/carers of the outcome of their application by letter or email. Parents/carers must confirm acceptance directly with the nursery by the date stipulated in our written correspondence. Any fees, where applicable, are payable prior to the agreed start date. Invoices will be raised termly and MUST be paid for in advance.

Contact should be made via nursery@hamseytlt.co.uk.

If the nursery closes due to unforeseen circumstances e.g national lockdown/pandemic:

- If a full closure occurs, then a credit note will be added to the accounts;
- If nursery remains open and the parent chooses not to bring their child, then fees will be charged at 50% for the duration of pupil absence.

Notice period for children leaving

At least one full term's notice is required before a child is withdrawn (other than for moving up to primary school). Fees will be payable if a child is withdrawn sooner.

Parents/carers are advised that admission to a school's nursery does not guarantee admission to the Reception class at our school. Applications for Reception must be made on-line via the relevant council authority and be submitted by the statutory deadline in order to be considered.