

DOUGLAS VALLEY NURSERY SCHOOL

Admissions Policy – Under 3s

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Term time sessional Under 3s provision at Douglas Valley Nursery School will be open to children aged 2-3 years.

The total number of nursery places available for 2-3 year olds is a maximum of 40 part time places. At least 70% of places will be allocated to children accessing the 2 year old funding, unless there are unfilled places.

The Governors will not place any restriction on admissions for any one academic year unless the number of children for whom admission is sought is likely to exceed this number.

In that event Governors will admit by using the following criteria which are listed in priority order:

1. Children in public care.
2. Children identified by the L.A. as having learning difficulties or a disability greater than most other children. The referral of these children will be through Children and Young People's Special Needs Section.
3. The child has particular social, medical or language needs.

Appropriate objective evidence would need to be supplied of the above and referral would normally be via other professional agencies, such as Social Care.

4. Children taking up maximum hours.
5. Children with siblings attending education/childcare services at the school at the time of admission.
6. Children who live closest to the school. Should places be filled within this category distance will be measured in a straight line between the child's permanent residence and a central point in the school.

The availability of the 15 hours funded Early Education for 3-4 year olds is only guaranteed in the full pre-school year.

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Children move into pre-school at the beginning of the term following their third birthday and continue to access their pre-existing booked sessions. They are able to access 3 year old funded sessions where available.