

Douglas Valley Nursery School
Admissions to Nursery School

Policy	Admissions policy – Nursery school
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The total number of nursery places available for pre school aged children is a maximum of 65 full time equivalent (130 part time) in the maintained nursery school.

The Governors place no restriction on the number of 30 hour places, however places will be limited by the number of children that can be accommodated over the lunchtime period.

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

All places will be allocated 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.

It is envisaged that the total number of places allocated according to the criteria above will form a relatively small proportion of the total number of children attending pre school at Douglas Valley Nursery School.

4. Children who attend our Under 3's service at the time of admission.
5. Children taking up the maximum number of hours from their entitlement (either 15 hours or 30 hours).
6. Children with siblings attending education/childcare services at the school at the time of admission.
7. Children who are in the rising 4 cohort 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 nursery.

Notes

Priority is given to the rising 4 cohort in order to maximise opportunities for children to receive at least one year of nursery education before starting school. The majority of

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places will be allocated to this cohort of children. If places remain after the main intake for the Rising 4 cohort, further places will be allocated at two points in the academic year according to the child's birth date as follows:

A child turns 3 in the period:	Will become eligible for a 3 yr funded place:
1 st September to 31 st December	1 st January (Spring term)
1 st January to 31 st March	1 st April (Summer term)